

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH

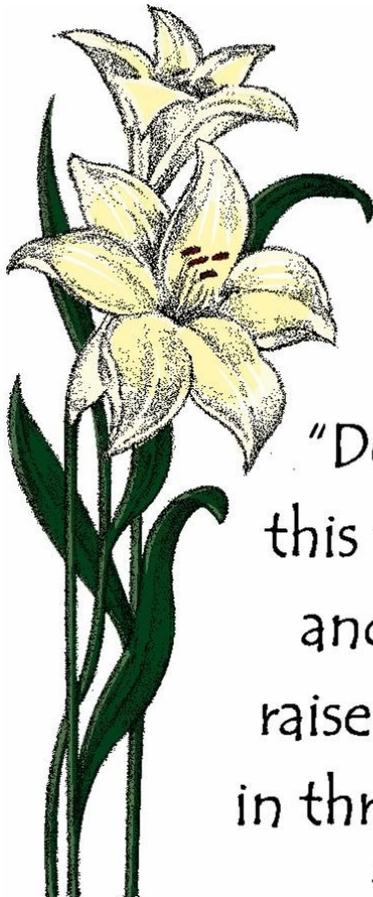


**MARCH 7, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 6	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Russell McCoy by Family, †Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder
Sunday	March 7	St. John's	9:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Sandy Schnicher, †Georgene Spoonhour by Mary & Bill Moffat
Sunday	March 7	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	March 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Andy Anderson by K & S Schmeling
Thursday	March 11	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Pietzner
Friday	March 12	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Friday	March 12	Blessed Trinity	1:00 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Friday	March 12	St. John's	5:15 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Saturday	March 13	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek, †Tom Gilsdorf by Family
Sunday	March 14	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 14	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Lucille Micoliczkyk, †Therese Weber by Family



"Destroy  
this temple,  
and I will  
raise it again  
in three days."

John 2:19

**FINANCIALS: February 27/28:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$9,386.00.



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

**RECONCILIATION:** At Blessed Trinity on **Saturday, March 13** at **3:00 pm**. During Lent, Reconciliation will also be offered at St. John's after the daily 7:00 am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays or by calling the parish office and making an appointment.

**FLOCKNOTE:**  **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.



## Year of St. Joseph

Hello Everyone,

Though, we know very little about St. Joseph through the Scripture, St. Joseph played a crucial role in the very act of Redemption. He was there to protect the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child Jesus. He was both a faithful and obedient Servant of God.

150 years ago, Pope Pius IX, declared St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Christians are the most persecuted group in the contemporary world. The Holy See has reported that over 100,000 Christians are violently killed annually because of some relation to their faith. Further, the World Evangelical Alliance's report is more alarming. As per their report, over 200 million Christians are denied fundamental human rights solely because of their faith!!

Equally threatening is the lukewarm or nominal practice of faith. Modern Christians, particularly Catholic Christians, are looking for an easy path to salvation. As we know Redemption is costly and demands certain disciplined way of adhering the tenants of faith. Jesus redeemed us through the agony of the Cross. Today, there is a tendency to follow Christ minus His Cross. The suffering and the Cross of Christ are part and parcel of redemption offered by Jesus Christ. The joyless and lukewarm practice of our faith is equally dangerous as violent persecution. Why? Both are trying to eliminate the core values of our religion. Here comes, the mediator's job. St. Joseph had the courage to listen to the promptings of God and thereby saved the life of Child Jesus. He always trusted and believed that God is always present to his life's realities. So, let us dedicate our families, our faith, and our Church to St. Joseph's powerful protection. Let us cultivate a habit to pray to St. Joseph daily.

Let us pray and prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter.

*Fr. Joe*

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



**Sunday, March 7, 2021 St. Katharine Drexel, virgin (1858-1955)** When her wealthy father and stepmother died, Katharine inherited a substantial fortune. She joined the Sisters of Mercy with the intention of founding her own order, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, to work among African and Native Americans. She used her inheritance to establish schools and missions throughout the South and on reservations. May we imitate her devotion to the Eucharist as the source of unity and justice among all races and the people. (The Feast is celebrated on March 3.)

## Celebrating Reconciliation

This past Wednesday our youngest students and their family members gathered for The Sacrament of Reconciliation. In a few months these children will be receiving the Holy Eucharist, First Communion, for the very first time. It is a busy time for them and their families. There is much to do, to learn and to take pride in.

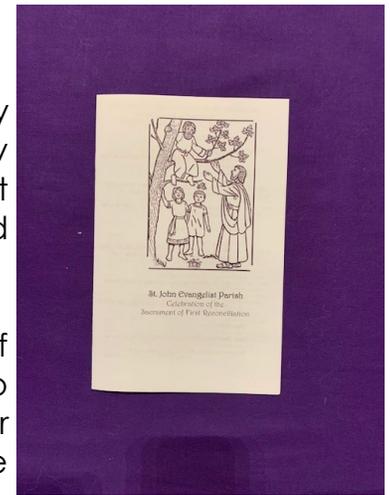
This week we too are invited to think about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The season of Lent is the perfect time to go to confession and a great opportunity to reflect on God's mercy. For Catholics, this Sacrament is a most natural way to celebrate God's reconciliation. We used to think of this sacrament as only about confessing sins, but it is also about God who forgives sins and about us, God's people, who are reunited / reconciled with God.

In the sacrament, our personal journey is joined with the mystery of God's saving love. Even though it is just us with the priest, who is there in the place of Jesus, we step forward and admit that we are sinners by sharing what we have done and what we have failed to do, and express our sorrow. Then God's forgiveness is proclaimed by the priest when he says "May God give you pardon and peace..".

Part of the sacrament of Reconciliation is healing and doing some kind of penance for sins. Often that will simply be prayer asking for forgiveness and expressing gratitude to God. Today we give thanks to our Lord for the gift of Reconciliation. May we come to appreciate it and celebrate it well in the holy days ahead.

Adapted from: Loyola Press, 2021, Joe Paprocki; "The Religion Teacher", 2021, Jared Dees.

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



### A DAY OF RECONCILIATION:

The Archdiocese has scheduled 12 hours of Reconciliation at numerous parishes throughout the Archdiocese during the season of Lent. Reconciliation will take place on **Wednesday March 24** from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm** at St. Peter Claver Parish (1439 South 12th Street Sheboygan). Please park in the parking lot off of South 12th Street and use that entrance to enter the church as these doors will be the only ones unlocked. There will be two priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation all day. Covid guidelines of social distancing and mask wearing are required.



### SHEBOYGAN FALLS

**FOOD PANTRY:** Bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room. They will be taken to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, MARCH 8 at 9:30 am by Mel & Lorrie Free and Rita Romanoski.** Right now, they are in special need of paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins. Thank you to everyone who has continued to donate to help those less fortunate.

# LENTEN INFORMATION



## HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE 2021 LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM:

"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME, THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU RECEIVED ME IN YOUR HOMES, NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; I WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK ME IN, IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME." (MATTHEW 25:35-36)

St. John Evangelist Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee and Blessed Trinity Human Concerns Committee this year are sponsoring the **Sheboygan County Warming Center**, a 501 (3) non-profit organization, that provides temporary, overnight, safe shelter for adult individuals who may be homeless for any number of reasons, including emergencies of any kind, as well as transients. The Warming Center also provides a hot evening meal, a continental style breakfast, and a bag lunch for their guests.

The Church is already in its third week of the 2021 Lenten Season. Lent is the time when one has another opportunity to turn inwardly and ask: "What does it mean when Jesus made a whip from cords and drove all of the animals out of the temple? He overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered the coins; and he ordered the men who sold the pigeons, 'Take them out of here! Do not make my Father's house a market place.'" (Reference: John 2:13-15) Possibly, Jesus is telling us to reach out and realize that His Body is found in the Sacred Temples of those who have no place to sleep, those lacking food, those who do not have adequate clothing, those who do not have jobs, and/or those who are mentally handicapped.

**AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE: \$4,368**

Please make checks payable to St. John Evangelist Parish or Blessed Trinity Parish.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** *We can be the ones who recognize that the mystical Body of Christ is found in the homeless, the hungry, the naked, the jobless, those mentally challenged, etc.* (St. John's Gospel: 2:13-15)

## TUESDAY EVENING LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES: HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION "They Have Taken My Lord Away":

Our second presenter for our Tuesday Lenten Scripture Series is Tim Olson. Tim has a BA in Music from St. Mary's University in Winona, MN. He earned his Masters in Education from North Dakota State University. Tim has served for 44 years as a Catholic educator in Religion, English, and Music. Twenty-two of those years have been as principal at Roncalli Catholic High School in Manitowoc. He currently teaches Senior Theology. Keeping with our theme of Hope in the Resurrection, Tim has titled his talk "They Have Taken My Lord Away." Please join us at St. Dominic Parish on Tuesday, March 9 for Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by the Lenten Scripture Series. Donations of food and especially personal care items will be accepted for our Northside Christian Food Pantry and/or a Free Will monetary offering to benefit Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. Social Distancing and Masks are required for the Mass and the Presentation. Free bottled water will be available for all to take into church for the presentation. No food is allowed.



**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Below is a summary of the financial spreadsheet for St. John's from July 2020 to February 2021. This is to give you an update prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2021.

Operating Income through 2/28/2021	\$194,034.67
Unrestricted bequest	59,400.00
PPP Grant (forgiven)	<u>45,200.00</u>
Total Spendable Income	\$298,634.67
Personnel Expenses	\$131,563.28
Utilities	11,916.20
Religious Education	6,551.40
Buildings & Grounds	19,262.42
All other Expenses	<u>32,394.02</u>
Total Expenses Paid to Date	\$201,687.32
Contributions over Expenses	\$ 96,947.35
Designated Giving	\$ 11,057.16



**Monday**  
MARCH 8  
*Lenten Weekday*  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**  
MARCH 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**Friday**  
MARCH 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**  
MARCH 13  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday**  
MARCH 14  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23  
Eph 2:4-10  
Jn 3:14-21



The Men of Christ Conference

March 20, 2021  
@ Blessed Trinity  
Sheboygan Falls, WI

8am Mass, Confession,  
Adoration and great talks  
masks & distancing required

**LIVE TRUTH. DEFEND TRUTH.**

We are summoned to a renewed conversion to Jesus Christ, which we will accomplish through authentic friendship with God, and with one another. Join us on this journey and experience a men lead conference right here.

**Please welcome our speakers:**



Kevin O'Brien



Jason Jones



Chris Steffanick



Archbishop Jerome ListECKI

Contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112  
or Tim Woodworth at Parish offices

This is a FREE event but you must register  
<https://menofchrist.net>

**The Men of Christ** (TMIY) group of Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist is sponsoring the Annual Men of Christ 2021 Conference. All Men from the Sheboygan Area parishes are invited. Masks and social distancing required.

**WHAT:** Men of Christ 2021 Conference- "Encouraging Men to Stand Strong During Trying Times"

**WHERE:** Blessed Trinity-Sheboygan Falls

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 20 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:45 am Announcements
- 9:00 am Kevin Obrien- Opening Remarks
- 9:15 am Jason Jones- Pro Life Speaker
- 9:55 am Examination of Conscience
- 10:00 am Chris Steffanick- Real Life Speaker
- 10:40 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Benediction (if Priest available)
- 11:00 am Archbishop ListECKI- Reflection
- 11:45 am Local Speaker, priest, religious, or seminarian- if available.
- 12:00 pm concluding prayers

Contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112 or Tim Woodworth at parish office option of live stream available upon request

## **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>