

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JANUARY 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:30 pm
 Sunday.....9:00 am
 Wednesday & Friday.....7:00 am
 1st Friday-Pine Haven.....10:00 am
 2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Thursday 7:30 - 3:30 PM
 Friday 7:30 - 11:30 am

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1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
4. Any other questions or concerns

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 Tracy Kissel Norma Horne
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PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Monday-Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist
 Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist
 1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity
 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

LAY MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 7/8

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am Christmas Day
Lectors	William Moffatt	Diane Hart Elizabeth Steger
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Mel Free Volunteer	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi



*Mary
treasured
up all these
things,
pondering
them in
her heart.*

LUKE 2:19, ESV

From Father Schmeckel:

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. We celebrate that Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, can be also be called rightly the Mother of God.

As we begin a New Year once again, I would like to point you in the direction of a few resources that might help you to grow in your faith life. If you are the type of person who makes New Year's resolutions, be sure to include one that is spiritual, too!



A few resources:

Our parishes pay for a subscription to **FORMED.org**. It is free for you to sign up and access. There are thousands of videos, audiobooks, and e-books as well as movies for children, formational talks, and classes. Topics range from the teachings of the church to fun videos, and from the lives of the saints to the Sunday Mass readings. In the next few months, you will hear us promoting this more regularly as an excellent resource for you and your family to grow in your faith and knowledge in the New Year. Go to FORMED.org and sign up as a parishioner using "Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls".

A few years ago, Father Mike Schmitz hosted the "Bible in a Year" podcast, which was wildly popular around the world. This year, he will be leading the "**Catechism in a Year**" podcast. Over the course of the coming year, he will read and discuss the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. If you are unfamiliar with the *Catechism*, it was published in 1992 by Pope Saint John Paul II. It summarizes everything that the Catholic Church believes about (almost) everything. Father Mike would be an excellent guide if you are looking to learn more about what the Church teaches. This podcast is available anywhere you already listen to podcasts.

Another way you can grow in your faith in the year ahead is to try **to attend daily Mass** during the week! Daily Mass typically lasts about 30 minutes – a little shorter than Sunday Mass. This might be a good way to begin your day and add Jesus into your daily schedule. Another way to become better friends with Jesus is to **read the Scriptures daily**. A good way to start is with the daily Mass readings. There are many places where you can find them, but the easiest is the US Bishops website: usccb.org/readings.

Jesus is inviting you to a deeper friendship and intimacy with Him in the new year. How will you respond and say 'yes' to Him?

On an unrelated note, I will be away from our parishes from January 2 through January 6 in order to attend a continuing education opportunity. See you in a week! God bless you and your family!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, January 7 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, January 8 from 8:00 - 8:45 am. **Due to Fr. Schmeckel's continuing education next week, there will be NO Reconciliation offered prior to the First Friday Mass on January 6.**

MASS INTENTIONS

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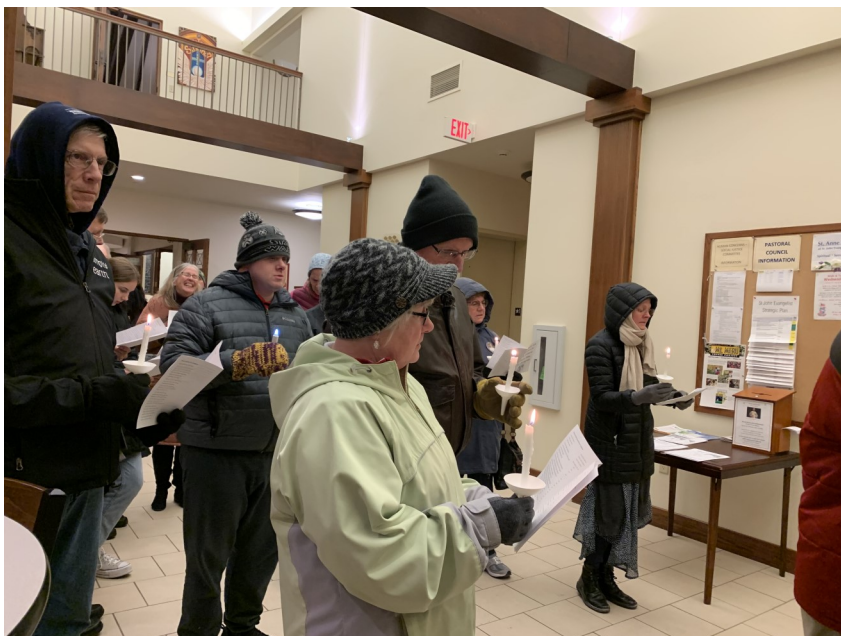
Saturday	December 31	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Clarence, Josephine, & John Klopff by Ron & Marlene Krueger, †Gerhardt & Alice Krueger by Family
Saturday	December 31	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Juergen Pietzner by Debbie Noworatzky
Sunday	January 1	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 1	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Rodney & Lois Woveras by Family, †Mark Briski by Family
Tuesday	January 3	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Betty Van Ouwerkerk by Perry Kohlhagen
Wednesday	January 4	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ted Biskup
Thursday	January 5	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mike Ferk by Audinos, Bouches, & Wieseckels
Friday	January 6	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Family
Friday	January 6	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	January 7	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Larry Kissinger by Sabel Family
Saturday	January 7	St. John's	5:30 pm	Special Intention for Hermine Grasse
Sunday	January 8	St. John's	9:00 am	†Leona Piche by Bill & Pat Kramer
Sunday	January 8	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 2, 2023** in observance of New Year's Day. The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm to access to the church for private prayer.



FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (DECEMBER 27):

On Tuesday, the first annual celebration of the Parish Patronal Feast Day began with a 5:15 PM Mass. A newly framed portrait of St. John the Evangelist was blessed during the Liturgy. Following the Mass, the portrait was carried in procession throughout the neighborhood by those in attendance. The evening ended with the singing of "Holy God". Refreshments and fellowship followed in the Parish Gathering Space.



EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
5:30 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 am	Let's Walk
10:00 am	Let's Talk Church Hall
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Religious Education 4K - Grade 6
6:45 - 8:00 pm	Religious Education Grades 7 - 12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

No 6:00 am Confessions

7:00 am	Mass
7:30 am	CLC First Friday Social

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
5:30 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 - 8:45 am	Confession
9:00 am	Mass (Choir sings)
10:00 am	Sunday Social

Walk the Walk: Our adult walking program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 - 8:30 am at Blessed Trinity Parish in the old school gym on the 3rd floor. There is no Elevator in the building. This program is led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Please join us for good exercise, lots of fun, and good company!

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL:

The Catholic Life Center will host a First Friday Social after the 7:00 am Mass on Friday, **January 6, 2023**. Please stay for a donut and some coffee.



FISH FRY: St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, January 6** in Van Treeck Hall, Lower Level from **4:30 to 7:00 pm**. There will be lightly breaded fish with your choice of french fries or potato salad and coleslaw or applesauce. They will also have grilled cheese or grilled ham and cheese made to order. Desserts will also be available for sale by the 8th grade CCA students. All are welcome.



SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **SUNDAY, January, 8**. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Sacristans.

Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation
invites you to

Young Adult Mass & Social at Lakeland University Plymouth, WI

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass followed by dinner and a pick-up volleyball game! Bring a side or dessert to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.



Date:

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Time:

5:30 PM Mass
Social to follow

Location:

Ley Chapel
Lakeland University
W3718 South Drive
Plymouth, WI

Arrive onto campus on County Rd M. Cross the stone bridge and turn right and follow the road until it ends. The Chapel is on the left.

January 2023 – with HOPE FOR the NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! January, this first month of 2023 provides us with an opportunity to begin again and to set some goals that might really make a difference this year. Rather than thinking of ways to improve or to eliminate a bad habit as in past years, you may want to consider some new questions: What is God calling me, or our family, to do? Who is God calling me, or our family, to be? What can I, or we, do to work towards that? What resolutions can be set to serve others?

REMEMBER: Doing a few things well is often better than trying to do too much for too many. Here are two ideas that you might want to consider.

One author has suggested that individuals or families consider making a New Year's Resolution to do all the Corporal Works of Mercy in ONE YEAR...A great hands-on learning experience. Think about and decide how to do each of them (listed below) at last once during 2023:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked (or those without warm winter clothing)
- Shelter (or help) the homeless
- Comfort the prisoners
- Visit (or send greetings to) the sick
- Bury (or pray for) the dead.



Another idea you might want to try: Rather than, or in addition to, choosing an actual New Year's resolution, choose a Saint that you or your family can work towards emulating during 2023. Select a Saint that you feel would be a good fit. For example: You or your family might choose St. Anthony because you are constantly misplacing things and selecting the patron Saint of lost objects would be fitting, or choosing St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta, who cared for the poor and others in need, because you want to do more for those need in 2023 could work well.

When you have selected your patron Saint for this New Year, you might:

- Find and put a statue or a picture of that Saint where it will be seen throughout the year.
- Find a book, an article, or a video about your Saint. If you have children find a book they can read or listen to and give it to them on a special occasion.
- Learn more about your Saint during the year.
- Celebrate your Saint's feast day.
- Do a quick google search to see if your Saint has a prayer you can say on New Year's Day, and hang somewhere in your home. Include this prayer in your morning or bedtime prayer routine for the year.
- Family members can make crafts and do activities with children or others relating to your Saint and his or her patronage. Check out websites with ideas for Catholic children.

Adopting a Saint for the year and learning about the stories and traditions that go along with him/her may also provide a spiritual inspiration and help you and/or your family to have more Saints to feel "close" to. The New Year is just beginning. May we all find new ways to care for ourselves and for others; May this time bring us all closer to recognizing our need to love and cherish one another; And may we all grow stronger in our faith and our desire to share it, and the love of God Best wishes for a very happy, safe, healthy, joyous and blessed 2023!

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6



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Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived is a new eight-lesson Bible study. This immensely practical study will help you discover and prioritize what matters most in life. When you're feeling out of kilter, getting back to the basics is a game-changer.

Ordering Your Priorities provides step-by-step instructions for building a life well lived, giving structure to your day and settling your heart.



St. John Evangelist, 601 Valley Rd, Kohler
Saturdays, February 4 -- March 25, 2023

9:30 - 11:00 am

Cost \$23, Scholarships are available

Questions or to sign up, contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org
or (920)467-4616 ext, 314
by January 16



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Dear Padre,

I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy?

The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim “the kingdom of God is in our midst,” and answer their call to holiness. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves....
Do I know how to look at people with the heart?
Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?....
Let us ask for the grace to live this year with
the desire to take others to heart and to care for
them.***

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

MONDAY

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22–28
Jn 1:19–28

TUESDAY

January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29–3:6
Jn 1:29–34

WEDNESDAY

January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7–10
Jn 1:35–42

THURSDAY

January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11–21
Jn 1:43–51

FRIDAY

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Mk 1:7–11

SATURDAY

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 2:1–12

SUNDAY

January 8
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12

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