

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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-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

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Chairperson.....Bridgett Zielke

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Rich Taufferner

Tracy Kissel

Jenny Roatch

Peter Bustos

Norma Horne

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

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

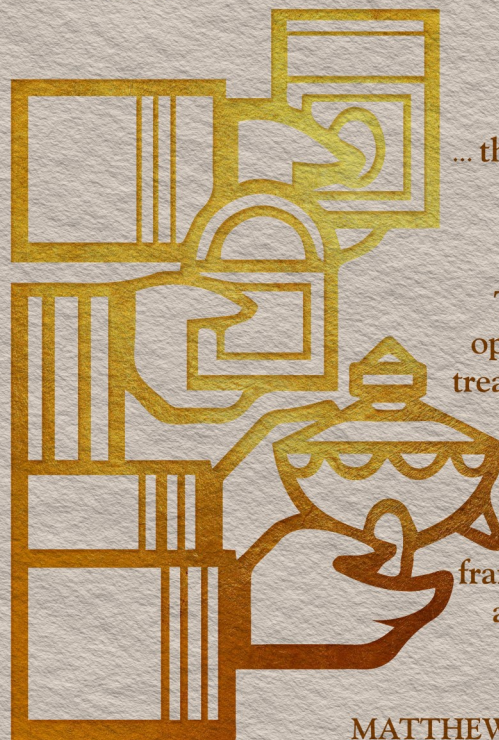
1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity

3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

LAY MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 14/15

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am Christmas Day
Lectors	Carter Udovich	John Egan Susan Vavra
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Udovich Family	Peggy Zimmermann

EPIPHANY



... they bowed
 down and
 worshiped
 him.
 Then they
 opened their
 treasures and
 presented
 him
 with gifts
 of gold,
 frankincense
 and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11, NIV

From Father Schmeckel:

Today, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**. In many other parts of the world, this Solemnity is celebrated on January 6 with as much gusto as Christmas Day, but in the United States, the Bishops have moved it to a Sunday to make it easier for most people to attend Mass on this day.



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Epiphany as the “manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world.” (CCC 528) This feast celebrates three events in one: 1) the adoration of Jesus by the wise men from the East, 2) Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan, and 3) the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus turned water into wine.

In my estimation, for us Christians in the West, the greatness and importance of the Epiphany is often underappreciated. (When I say, ‘Christians in the West’, this is opposed to Eastern Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Byzantine Catholics, and many other groups of Catholics and Christians throughout the world who place more emphasis on the Epiphany than Christmas Day.) The Epiphany reminds us that **the coming of Jesus is for the entire world and for every person**. The wise men who come to adore the Infant Jesus are, by all accounts, outsiders. They are not part of the normal and typical ‘in’ crowd. Thus, their love and adoration for Him brought His saving power far beyond a particular place and time in Israel.

Likewise, when Jesus is baptized and when He changed water into wine, He began to reveal Himself as fully God and to bring His plan of Redemption to the whole world.

As we celebrate the Epiphany this year, we could ask ourselves: **Do we have a burning desire to bring Jesus to every part of the world that we see?** Do we bring Jesus to our workplaces, in our schools, and in our homes by our words, our actions, and our attitude? **Are we convinced and convicted that the message of Jesus and His Gospels brings life and joy?** We pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the gifts of courage and fortitude to be able to be good witnesses of the Gospel wherever we go!

This year, the Baptism of the Lord, celebrated on January 9, marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmas! As we come to the end of this joyous and wonderful season of celebrating the Incarnation of Jesus, I want to again say **thank you to everyone whose hard work and dedication helped us to celebrate so well**. They include: our sacristans, lectors, ushers, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion; our regular choir, bell choir, children’s choir and all musicians; the volunteers who decorate and water extra flowers and plants; our administrative staff and volunteers; our DREs and catechists; our custodial and maintenance staff and volunteers, and many, many others. **Thank you for all that you do for our parish!** I know that much of your efforts and dedication can sometimes go unnoticed, but I am personally grateful that you help us to bring Jesus to others in ways both big and small. May God reward you for your generosity and kindness!

FINANCIAL:

DECEMBER 31, 2022: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$10,494.00.

JANUARY 1, 2023: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$690.50.

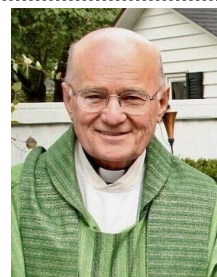
MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	January 10	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Fr. Howard Keyser by Donna Plageman
Wednesday	January 11	St. John's	7:00 am	†Connie Stevens by Tom & Rita Gast
Thursday	January 12	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Betty Van Ouwerkerk by Tom & Nancy Schleicher, †Tony Woelfel by Duane Woelfel
Friday	January 13	St. John's	7:00 am	†Stanley Perzewski by Friends & Family
Friday	January 13	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser
Saturday	January 14	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Sharon O'Neill by Jim & Heidi O'Neill
Saturday	January 14	St. John's	5:30 pm	Ken Udovich & Family by Teresa Bettag
Sunday	January 15	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 15	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Veronica Gilles by Ken & Alice Walter, †Lucy Cardarelle by Mary Klover, Angie & Eric



THANK YOU!: To Lois & John Multer for the donation of this beautiful Nativity set which is on display until Monday, January 9 in the Religious Education wing. The Nativity set belonged to Lois' mother and was donated in her memory.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:

Reverend Jerome Repenshek passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2022. A funeral

Mass was held at Holy Angels Parish in West Bend on Thursday, January 5. Please pray for Fr. Jerry Repenshek and his family.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome Amie Chaloupka to St. John Evangelist Parish.



Welcome

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, January 14 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, January 15 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Winterfest Planning
Committee
Classroom #8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education
4K - Grade 6
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education
Grades 7 - 12

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S



CHILDREN: All staff and volunteers, beyond High School age, who will work with or have contact with children under the age of 18 years old, must have Archdiocesan-mandated Safe Environment Training. There will be an in-person **Safe Environment Training Session held at St. John the Baptist Parish in Plymouth on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

The session is approximately 2.5 hours long. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm>. If you have questions or need help with registration, please contact our St. John Evangelist Parish office at stjohnnev@btsje.org or call 920-452-9623.



SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **THIS 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.

St. Anne Society Giving Tree Thank You!

Thank you very much for your amazing support of St. Anne's Giving Tree this Christmas season! Your generous donations will provide special blessings to the children and families served by Mary's Room in Sheboygan. Mary's Room was very appreciative of the many wonderful donations delivered on December 6th for less fortunate families with young children in our community. Thank you again. We are truly blessed!~Anita Voiles, St. Anne's Society



Memorial Mass

for POPE EMERITUS
BENEDICT XVI

*Celebrated by
Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi,
Archbishop of Milwaukee*

**JANUARY 10, 2023
5:15 P.M.**

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

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, a St. John's member. Please join us for good exercise, lots of fun, and good company!



OPEN GYM!

2PM TO 4PM

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| December | February |
| o 4th - SJB | o 5th - SJB |
| o 11th - CCA | o 12th - CCA |
| o 18th - St. Dominic | o 26th - St. Dominic |
| January | March |
| o 8th - SJB | o 5th - SJB |
| o 15th - CCA | o 19th - CCA |
| o 22nd - St. Dominic | o 26th - St. Dominic |

ST JOHN
THE BAPTIST
PLYMOUTH

CHRIST CHILD
ACADEMY
SHEBOYGAN

ST. DOMINIC
SHEBOYGAN

- April
- o 2nd - SJB
 - o 16th - CCA
 - o 23rd - St. Dominic

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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. Make check payable to
St. John Evangelist (Memo WWP). Scholarships are available.

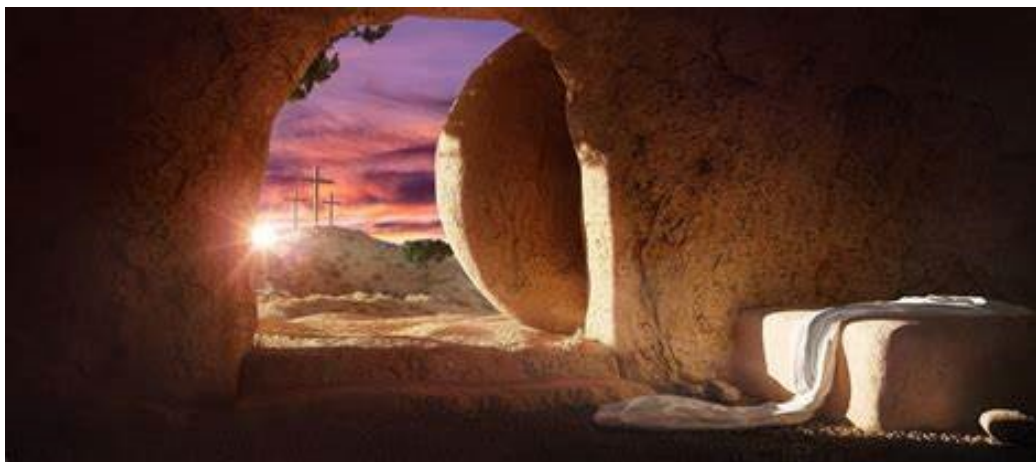
Questions or to sign up, contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or
(920)467-4616 Ext. 314 by January 16



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Bus Trip to All Rise! The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play

Xavier High School, Appleton
Saturday, April 1, 2023

9:30 am Bus leaves from Blessed Trinity Parking Lot
11:00 am Lunch on your own at Fox River Mall Food Court
12:30 pm Arrive at Xavier High School Theater
1:00 pm Showtime!
5:00 pm Arrive back to Blessed Trinity Parking Lot

Join us Palm Sunday weekend to see the scriptures come to life through music, dance and drama. Experience this inspiring production celebrating the joyous time when Our Lord walked the earth...the bustling seaside as Jesus calls The Twelve, the first miracle at the wedding at Cana, his compassionate teachings and the victory of the Resurrection.

Sign up by February 1st! Bus will fill up. \$40 per person includes bus and play.

Return to CLC or Parish Office (115 Summer Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Guests: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name

Phone

Relationship

\$40 x ____ (number of people) = ____ (Total) Enclosed (Cash/Check Payable to Blessed Trinity Parish)

Dear Padre,

I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016