

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**JANUARY 15, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## 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

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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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## 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

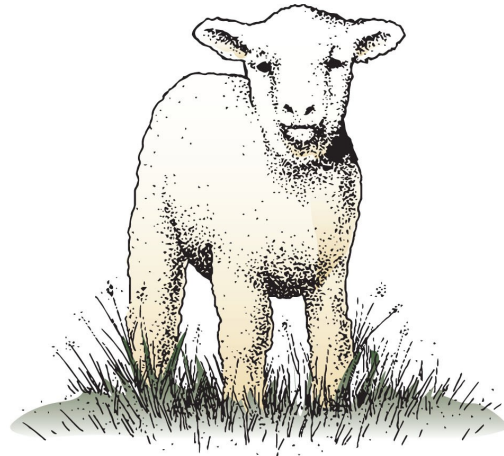
Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

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

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

## LAY MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 21/22

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	William Moffatt	Colleen Kuhn Erin Meyer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Clyde & Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Volunteer
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Judy Grey	Diane Torke



*"Behold,*  
**THE LAMB OF GOD,**  
*who takes away*  
**THE SIN**  
**OF THE WORLD!"**

**JOHN 1:29, ESV**

## From Father Schmeckel:

During the first week of January, I had the opportunity to attend a scripture conference for priests. Our main speakers were: Scott Hahn, John Bergsma, and Tim Gray. All of them are excellent biblical scholars and I would highly recommend any of their videos, lectures, and books as extremely useful in growing in your spiritual life and in your knowledge of Sacred Scripture. The theme for this year's conference was the "journey to holiness" with an emphasis on Matthew's Gospel because we'll be reading from Saint Matthew at Mass on most Sundays this year. Here are a few first takeaways for me that might help you in your own journey to holiness.



In one of Dr. Tim Gray's talks, he said, "Holiness radiates out of the Presence of God." He spoke about the architecture and nature of the Temple as it was described in the Old Testament where it was often called the holy dwelling place of God. The one Temple in Jerusalem made that city holy. As such, the city of Jerusalem is often described as "holy" or is used to foreshadow and describe the "heavenly Jerusalem"; and even beyond that, Israel, the land beyond the city of Jerusalem in which the Presence of God is Israel, which is called the "Holy Land" – even today! And so, **being in the presence of God naturally makes things holy.**

For us as Christians, what is the easiest way to be in the presence of God? Through the Eucharist, and Mass is the most straightforward way. If we want to grow in holiness, we should try to be in the presence of the Eucharist where God makes Himself present and available to us. We could also make it a habit of stopping by one of our churches during the day to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament for a few moments of silent prayer, and if that is not possible, we could spend a few moments reading the Scriptures each day and making an act of Spiritual Communion, expressing our desire and longing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. (See the prayer on the next page.)

A second takeaway for me from the conference I attended was **the importance of reading in our lives as Christians.** Listening to these great speakers, it was clear to me how important reading Scripture, spiritual reading, and other academic works helped them to grow in their own intellectual and spiritual knowledge of God. The past few times that I have heard Scott Hahn speak, he has mentioned that as he gets older, it's more difficult to read as much or as quickly as he used to. It is a good reminder for us to make spiritual reading and study a part of our lives. Saint Josemaría Escrivá said, "Don't neglect your spiritual reading. Reading has made many saints." If we want to grow in holiness, a regular habit of reading can be a way for us to become Saints!

Finally, on a personal note, **I want to say thank you** for the many Christmas greetings, cards, notes, and gifts that you sent me (which I am still making my way through!). Your kindness and generosity mean a lot to me, and I am immensely grateful. Recently, we passed six months of me being your priest at Saint John and Blessed Trinity. I also say thank you for all of the welcome and goodness you've shown me in these first few months together. I know that I've already made many mistakes and left things undone – and plenty more will come, but I am very blessed and grateful to be your priest. Thank you for all of your help and encouragement in so many ways. May God bless you and your families!

# MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	January 17	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Kyle Wagner by Mom & Dad
Wednesday	January 18	St. John's	7:00 am	†Joan Ribich by Hermine Grasse
Thursday	January 19	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory by David & Nancy Schleicher
Friday	January 20	St. John's	7:00 am	†Gerald & Bernice Simon
Saturday	January 21	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Joe Ehren by Ken Schmeling, Deceased Members of the O'Neill Family by Jim & Heidi O'Neill
Saturday	January 21	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Romona Stommel by Liz Holtz
Sunday	January 22	St. John's	9:00 am	†Bruecker & McGinnis Families by Bill McGinnis
Sunday	January 22	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

## Act of Spiritual Communion, by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



## **BUS TRIP TO THE PASSION PLAY:**

The Catholic Life Center is sponsoring a bus trip to Appleton to see the Passion Play on **Saturday,**

**April 1.** The bus will leave Blessed Trinity at 9:30 am and arrive back in Sheboygan Falls by about 5:00 pm. Please sign up by **Wednesday,**

**February 1.** Cost is \$40.00 per person and sign up slips are available on the table in the Gathering Space. Please make checks out to Blessed Trinity Parish and put "Passion Play" in the memo line. The bus is expected to fill up quickly, so sign up soon.

**FINANCIAL: JANUARY 8, 2023:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,535.00.



**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](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org) or call 920-452-9623.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 - 10:30 am Mother's Group

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00 am Mass

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

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

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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

## WINTERFEST!:

Will be held on **Sunday, January 29, 2023**. We need your help. If you are able to help on the day of Winterfest, please use the sign up genius link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B44A9A82BA0F85-winterfest1> or see the paper copies on the table in the Gathering Space.

In order to have a successful Winterfest, we are in need of:

- ♦ Cakes, pies, cookies, and other sweet treats for the dessert table. These can be dropped off Saturday, January 28 from 7:30 am until after Mass or Sunday, January 29 beginning at 6:00 am.
- ♦ Full cakes for the Cake Walk (same drop off information as above. Please mark as "Cake Walk")
- ♦ **New this year: There will be a Wine Pull.** If you are able to donate a bottle of wine to the Wine Pull, please drop it off in the Parish Office by **Thursday, January 26**.
- ♦ Craft donations for the Bazaar both
- ♦ Donations to be put together for the bucket raffles

Please contact Scott or Shelly Cieszynski at 847-309-8178 with any questions.

## OPEN GYM!

2PM TO 4PM

December

- o 4th - SJB
- o 11th - CCA
- o 18th - St. Dominic

February

- o 5th - SJB
- o 12th - CCA
- o 26th - St. Dominic

January

- o 8th - SJB
- o 15th - CCA
- o 22nd - St. Dominic

March

- o 5th - SJB
- o 19th - CCA
- o 26th - St. Dominic

April

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

ST. DOMINIC  
SHEBOYGAN

HOMESCHOOLERS WELCOME!

ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST  
PLYMOUTH

CHRIST CHILD  
ACADEMY  
SHEBOYGAN

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome  
Nicole Mugan to St.  
John Evangelist  
Parish.



## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, January 21 at 3:00 pm and on Sunday, January 22 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE: GRADES 7-12

We just finished the Christmas season in our Church calendar with the feast of the Baptism of our Lord and now today on this 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time (which means "to count" in Latin and not boring or mundane!), we hear again in John's gospel about Jesus' baptism! Why would the perfect Son of God need to be baptized? Because Jesus was a great and humble teacher and by taking on our sinfulness, he gave us a chance for eternal salvation! His baptism launched a mission that culminated in the gift of the Holy Spirit, with us and within us!! Although God alone is infinite, we can participate in God's nature via the grace, i.e. "undeserved favor" that we receive when we share in the Sacraments of the Church.



Our 7-12 grade Religious Education classes are striving each class to draw closer to the Lord as we live, love and learn more about God, the Bible, the Church and our participation in this life of grace. Before our Christmas break, we had our annual Safeguarding lesson followed by a panel discussion of eight young practicing Catholics, who are either in college or graduate school. They were all home on break and took the time to come and share their stories of faith and how to own it when you are away from home, as well as answer any questions that our students may have had. It was an inspiring time to see and hear what a difference these young people are making in the world, as they continue to fall in love with Jesus and His Church! Please continue to pray and encourage all of our young people at St. John Evangelist Parish and beyond as they become children of God! See you at Mass.

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12

Last week, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education Class, under the direction of Mrs. Meyer, helped make gingerbread houses, as we continued learning about the Incarnation, the Magi and all of the many ways that God loves us!! Sweet things are happening with our Religious Education students!!





## WOMEN'S SPRING BELOVED RETREAT

**When:** Friday Evening, February 17 from 6:30– 9 pm  
& Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

**Where:** Lakeland University, Plymouth (Free rides are available if you do not want to drive in Winter!)

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER February 1, 2023.**

**Note: If we don't have 50 women registered by FEBRUARY 1, THE RETREAT WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Cost includes, all meals, snacks, and beverages. Each woman will also receive a lovingly created journal to capture their thoughts, ideas, references, take-aways and Holy Spirit moments.

Full schedule, presentation descriptions, presenter biographies, additional retreat information, and registration are on the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes website. Contact Kym for questions leibhamk@catholicnorth.org.

## MEN OF CHRIST (MARCH 11):

The world needs men who live their faith boldly. Nearly 50 parishes are hosting virtual Men of Christ conferences this year. **Blessed Trinity Parish in Sheboygan Falls is hosting our county's event.** There will be more details in the bulletin in upcoming weekends.

**WOMEN'S GROUP "WALKING WITH PURPOSE":** It is not too late to sign up for the new St. John Evangelist Women's Group which will begin on **Saturday, February 4 from 9:30 - 11:00 am.** This new eight (8) week Bible study will help women discover and prioritize what matters most in life. Women must sign up by **Monday, January 16** so that enough books can be ordered. The cost is \$23.00 and aid is available. If using a check, please make it out to "St John Evangelist Parish" and write WWP on the memo line. You may drop it off at the Parish Office or in the collection basket at Mass. Any questions, please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616 ext. 314.



**"MEN ON FIRE" MEN'S CONFERENCE:** On **Friday, February 17** from 6:30 - 9:00 pm and **Saturday, February 18** from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Parish (6060 Loomis Road, Greendale). Men 16+ are invited to join Bart Schuchts, Florida State tight end turned national Catholic speaker, for a transformative two day event. Bart will share the encounter he had with God while in the NFL locker room and how it lead him to dedicate his life to helping other men encounter the Father in powerful & intimate ways.

Cost is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Please see the St. John Evangelist Parish bulletin board for information on signing up.



# WINTERFEST

**38<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Festival**

**St. John Evangelist Parish**

**Kohler, WI – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**



**Traditional Favorite Foods**

**Ice Cold Beer**

**Select Wine, Pepsi Products,**

**Nicolet Water**

**Fabulous Homemade Soup!**



**Raffle & Door  
Prizes All Day**



**Craft Sale  
Handmade by  
Local Artisans**



Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation  
invites you to

# Young Adult Mass & Social at King Park Sheboygan, WI

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass in the King Park Pavilion followed by dinner and games! Bring a side to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.



**Date:**  
Saturday, April 15

**Time:**  
5:30 PM Mass  
Social to follow

**Location:**  
King Park Pavilion  
1615 S. 7th Street  
Sheboygan, WI  
53081

**Pancake P A N C A K E  
BREAKFAST:** Will be held on **Sunday, January 29 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm** (Inclement weather back-up date, Sunday February 5) at Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Sheboygan. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a drink for \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 children ages 3 to 12, with 2 and under free. All proceeds will go to supporting Seton Catholic Schools.

**A R I S E F A M I L Y  
ADORATION:** Will be held **EVERY FIRST FRIDAY IN 2023** at 6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (12700 W Howard Ave. New Berlin, WI). Encounter Christ as a family at Arise Family Adoration! This free, family-oriented night of worship will introduce your family to the teaching of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through prayer, music, and children's breakout sessions alongside adult prayer. Please see **ARISEMKE.ORG/FAMILY-ADORATION** for more information.

**FORMED:** St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes have purchased a subscription to **Formed.org**. FORMED is filled with content for all age groups and supports thousands of movies, children's programs, eBooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device. Any questions? Please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnev@btsje.org.

To sign up with Formed enter the web address <https://formed.org/signup>

1. Visit FORMED.org
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3. Select "Sign Up as A Parishioner"
4. Find Blessed Trinity by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



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# LEARNING ON THE JOURNEY

A WINTER SERIES ON CATHOLIC FAITH, PRACTICES AND PERSPECTIVES

**TUESDAY NIGHTS:**  
**JAN. 10 - FEB. 14 6-7 P.M.**  
**SOCIAL TO FOLLOW**  
**AT RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2000 MIRRO DRIVE, MANITOWOC**

**PRESENTATIONS BY:**

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**FR. MATT COLLE, M.S.**

**TAYLOR GEIGER, M.A.**

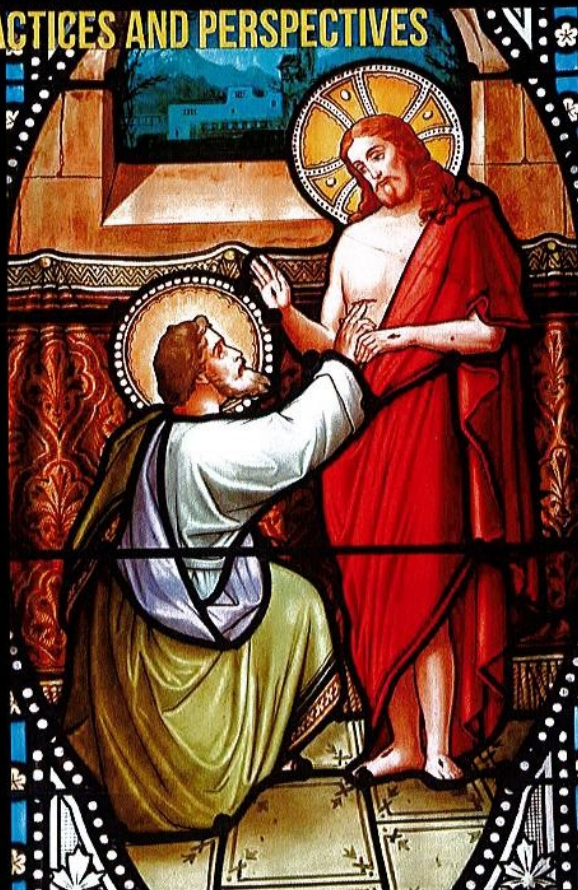
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**NO READING, NO HOMEWORK, NO COST.**  
**ATTEND AS MANY OR AS FEW AS YOU LIKE.**  
**CHILD CARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST WITH**  
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**JANUARY 10:** GENESIS - SCHWEIGL  
HOW COULD A LOVING GOD...? - OLSON  
FINDING HEALING IN CHRIST - GEIGER  
THE MASS - VADNEY

**JANUARY 17:** APOSTLE'S CREED - SCHWEIGL  
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - BEAUDRY  
PSALMS - COLLE  
PASSING ON THE FAITH TO CHILDREN - VADNEY

**JANUARY 24:** THE BOOK OF JOB - SCHWEIGL  
DISCERNMENT 101 - GEIGER  
A POET, A COMPOSER & GOD - OLSON  
EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES - HYNEK

**JANUARY 31:** ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: THEOLOGIAN, PROPHET &  
PASTOR - BEAUDRY  
ISLAM - SCHWEIGL  
ROMAN MARTYRS - COLLE  
UNDERSTANDING SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE - VADNEY

**FEBRUARY 7:** MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE WE WILL NEVER DIE - OLSON  
MERCY: THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL - BEAUDRY  
DOES GOD WANT ME TO BE HAPPY - GEIGER  
JESUS IN THE CITIES OF THE HOLY LAND - VADNEY

**FEBRUARY 14:** JUDGES - SCHWEIGL  
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - BEAUDRY  
SERVICE & SPIRITUALITY - HYNEK  
PARABLES - VADNEY

  
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**RONCALLI**  
HIGH SCHOOL



# Dear Padre,

*I am African American. When I go to church,  
I feel disconnected from the rest of my life.  
How does the Church fit with my culture?*

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God’s children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit” (CCC 1204).

Many think “catholic” means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is “catholic” because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he’ll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally. ●



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**Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22
Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 5:1–10	Heb 6:10–20	Heb 7:1–3, 15–17	Heb 7:25–8:6	Heb 8:6–13	Heb 9:2–3, 11–14	Is 8:23–9:3
Mk 2:18–22	Mk 2:23–28	Mk 3:1–6	Mk 3:7–12	Mk 3:13–19	Mk 3:20–21	1 Cor 1:10–13, 17; Mt 4:12–23 or Mt 4:12–17



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all.  
He knows that we are always using the words “my”  
and “our”: my things, our people, our community....  
But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no  
one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.*

HOMILY, WORLD MISSIONS DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019