

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



FEBRUARY 5, 2023 FIFTH 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

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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Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos

Tracy Kissel Norma Horne

Jenny Roatch

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

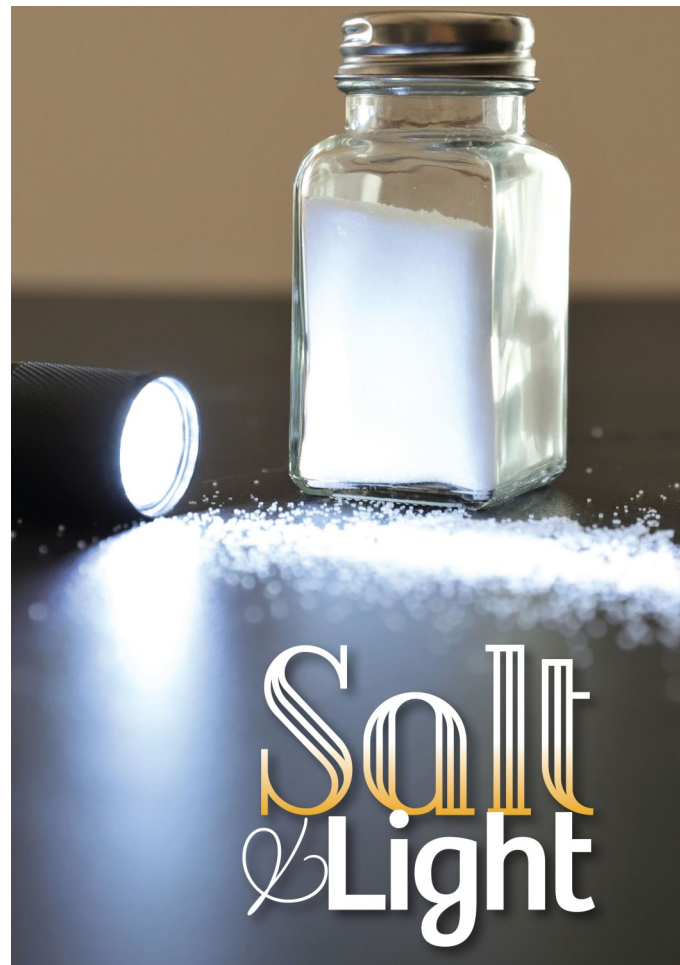
Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

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

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 11/12

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	William Moffatt	Beth Zadalis Paul Garni
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Mel Free Volunteer	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Bob & Bette Kluge	Audrey Waitkus



From Father Schmeckel:

One of the repeating themes in my daily prayer for a few weeks has been the **universal call to holiness**. The writings and teachings of the Second Vatican Council re-emphasized that everyone is called to become a Saint. Becoming holy is not only for priests and nuns, but also for moms and dads, children, accountants, teachers, athletes. God wants each and every person to become a Saint. To that end, I would like to offer a few quotes from the Saints and others on this topic.



The first quote comes from Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582). She once said, "From somber, serious, sullen saints, save us, O Lord." In other words, she is saying that becoming holy and working on becoming a Saint does not mean that we become dull and boring people. It doesn't mean that we become sad people. Rather, when we fall in love with Jesus, we become fully alive and who He made us to be. If anything, as we become more and more Saintly, we should be more fun and more attractive to the people around us.

Next, the French writer, Leon Bloy (1846-1917), said, "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint". We will experience lots of challenges and setbacks in life, but the only real failure is to not become a Saint.

The final quote is from Pope Saint Paul VI (1897-1978). He wrote that modern people listen "more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if [they] do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." We can teach lots of things about Jesus and the life of faith – which is also necessary and good. But, if we do not live it by the example and witness of our lives, it will not be attractive. In other words, Pope Paul VI is saying that we can spread the faith by becoming Saints in our daily lives.

Let us pray for one another that we can become saints and show our love for the Lord in our daily living!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Winterfest a success! I especially want to thank Shelly and Scott Cieszynski for all of their hard work and dedication and their coordination of everything! Thank you also to all of the Chairs who helped to organize the individual activities and areas; all the volunteers and servers; and everyone who helped to set up and/or to clean up; and thank you for attending. It couldn't have been done without you! May God reward you for your dedication!

Finally, I will be away from our parishes from February 6 through February 17, first for a little bit of time away, and then for my annual silent retreat. I will be praying for you and your families while on retreat; please pray for me, too! Thank you to Fr. Bob Lotz and Fr. Dick Fleischman for their help in covering the Masses while I am away.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, February 11 at 3:00 pm. **There will be no Reconciliation offered prior to Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, February 12.**

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	February 4	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Larry Kissinger by Sabel Family, †James Klopf by Family
Saturday	February 4	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	February 5	St. John's	9:00 am	Mark Weber & Family by Teresa Bettag
Sunday	February 5	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	February 7	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Nancy Klopf
Wednesday	February 8	St. John's	7:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by Donna Stieghorst
Thursday	February 9	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bob & Madeline Von Wald by Donna Plageman
Friday	February 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Patricia Makoutz by Makoutz Family
Friday	February 10	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	February 11	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Saturday	February 11	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Dorothy Free by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	February 12	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 12	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Brian Woveras by Family

FINANCIAL: JANUARY 28/29, 2023: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,621.10.



FOOD PANTRY: Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, February 5**. Please do not bring any paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins or pasta and pasta sauce. Donations will be delivered to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, February 6 by 9:30 am** by Joe Hocevar. Thank you to everyone who has donated and to all the people who have taken the donation this past year.



“May God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness....” The Feast of St. Blaise (Bishop and Martyr) was celebrated on Friday, February 3. The Religious Education students had the opportunity during class this past Wednesday to have Father Schmeckel bless their throats.



EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30 - 11 am Women's Group
Walking With Purpose
12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church hall
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

2:00 - 3:00 pm Bible Group
Church Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:30 - 11 am Women's Group
Walking With Purpose
12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church hall
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 am Mass

2023 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:

The 2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal kicks off this weekend February 4/5. A video featuring Archbishop ListECKI explaining the importance of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal will be shown NEXT WEEKEND. St. John Evangelist Parish goal is \$35,190.00. This is the same as the 2022 goal. Thank you to all who donated last year. We are hoping to meet or exceed our CSA goal once again.



HOLY TRINITY PARISH 22nd ANNUAL PERCH FRY:



Holy Trinity Parish (11928 Marken Road, School Hill) will be hosting their 22nd annual perch fry on **FISH FRY Friday, February 17**. Carry outs will be available from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm then from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Dine in is available from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. There will also be grilled cheese plates available as well as assorted homemade tortes. Please call 920-773-2380 for carry outs. A flyer is on the bulletin board with more information.



WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome:

- Jonathan & Nancy Simpson and son Maximillian
- John & Nancy Patek

Welcome



"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.

Getting Ready for Lent 2023

While it may feel as if the Christmas Season has just ended, in less than three weeks it will be Ash Wednesday and, on this day, whether we feel ready or not, our observance of the Lenten season will begin. During these six weeks of Lent we will, once again, have an opportunity to draw closer to Jesus. Unfortunately, the Lenten season often gets reduced to the question, "What are you giving up for Lent?" While this is a fine question, it can only take us so far. During these February days before Ash Wednesday begins on February 22nd, we might try to imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced by thinking that God is going to help us transform our lives with deeper meaning and a greater desire for love and service.



This means that we will have to practice our sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an ordeal or a time to dread in some way, then we've already prepared ourselves to get little from it. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the opportunity to place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us. (I omitted a whole sentence here.) Then the Lenten Season becomes something that we can truly look forward to!

In order to do this, we can start to prepare now by including some holy things in our homes that will help us, our families and our loved ones raise our minds and hearts to God. By finding a central place for a crucifix in our homes we can help us set the stage for the Lenten Season.

- Placing a rosary in a visible place can be a reminder to pray.
- A bowl of water on a table can help us remember that at our Baptisms we have been called to be "Children of God".
- A candle that is lit at mealtime can be a symbol of the Light of Christ who is among us during Lent, and always.
- A Bible displayed in a prominent place can be a reminder of the importance of God's Word in our lives and on our Lenten Journeys.

This year Lent can be different. We will need an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us, and a few signs and symbols. If we begin to prepare now and look forward to the gifts that God will give us during this very special time, Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a gift. Let's prepare well during this next two and a half weeks! May God bless us all as we prepare for our Lenten Journey.

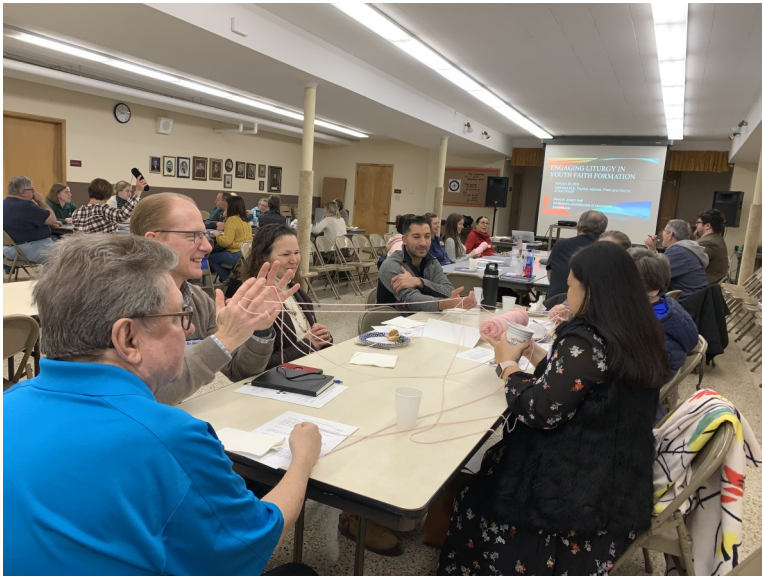
Adapted from: Alexander, A. and McCann Waldron, Maureen. Praying Lent. Chicago, Loyola Press, 2014.

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



SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, February, 5.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Ushers.

On Saturday, January 28, St. John Evangelist Parish Directors of Religious Education and Catechists joined with other county Catechists to attend a county-wide Catechist Retreat at St. Peter Claver Parish and hosted by SCORE. The morning began with Mass by Fr. Paul Fliss then a presentation by Deacon Joseph Heit.



CLC Singles 55+ Group:

Thanks to all who participated and helped with Blessed Trinity and St. John's first 55+ Singles Group event. It was lots of fun and a great success! If you are interested and did not attend, contact Mary at 920-467-4616, ext. 314 for a registration sheet and to get on our e-mail/phone list. We are currently planning on getting a group together for the Knights of Columbus Soup Social on Feb. 18 and the Pasta Dinner and Trivia Night on March 11. Several other activities are in the works. Come join the planning and the fun!~Mary Waitkus, Co-Director Catholic Life Center



A benefit for *Fresh Meals On Wheels*

Treat Yourself with Soup to Go! Let someone else make the soup, salad, rolls and dessert and bring them to you as you wait in the warmth of your car feeling good about supporting Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County! The third annual Soup on Wheels event offers a wide assortment of gourmet soups made in the kitchens of Destination Kohler, Sargento and Fresh Meals On Wheels. Each quart of soup comes with dinner salad, rolls and homemade desserts for two.

Order your soups by **February 13** and at checkout, select the time on **Friday, February 23** that you would like to pick up your food. Then, at your designated time, drive up to Fresh Meals On Wheels, tell them the name on your order, and someone will bring your soup to your car. Your purchase will help provide nourishing meals and friendly visits to senior and homebound Sheboygan county neighbors. The link to order: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soup-on-wheels-2023-a-benefit-for-fresh-meals-on-wheels-tickets-492064256437?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&mc_cid=9e6b2c2302&mc_eid=1d0c6c01f3



Called & Gifted

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

Hosted by Sheboygan Catholic County Parishes

God has a purpose for your life – and has equipped you for your mission. In your baptism and confirmation, you received gifts that our world needs. Do you know yours? Discover your unique gifts and learn how God is inviting you to use them through the Called & Gifted Workshop.

Register to participate in the English group or Spanish group – both groups will be taught by teachers live, concurrently, and at the same location. **Get the details and register at: www.archmil.org/called-and-gifted**

Please register **by April 17** to reserve your space.

ST. DOMINIC

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MEN OF CHRIST (MARCH 11): The men of TMIY (That Man Is You) of Blessed Trinity & St. John Evangelist Parishes will conduct the Annual Men of Christ Conference at Blessed Trinity Parish on **Saturday, March 11** from **6:30 am until 1:30 pm**. Blessed Trinity Parish is one of several regional-hub parishes sponsoring live-stream talks from nationally acclaimed speakers and a promotion from Archbishop Jerome Listeki. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. During the morning, there will be Rosary, Mass, Benediction/Adoration, Confession, and six talks. Families are welcome to attend Mass and Adoration. The six talks are for men 18-older. Please contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112. for more information.

SOUP'S ON! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SOCIAL:

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their Soup Social on **Saturday, February 18**, after the **4:00 PM Mass**, in Blessed Trinity's Church Hall. Everyone is invited to this event. Join us for delicious soups that will be made by our own Knights' and wives. Following the meal, you are invited to stay for various games to make it a true social event. Freewill offerings will be accepted. Money raised goes into our Chapter's local charity account. Thank you for your support.

St. Dominic Usher's Brat Fry

Date : Sunday February 19th

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: St. Dominic PAC



Please join us for an afternoon of great food, great fellowship, and opportunities to win various raffle prizes throughout the day.

Dear Padre,

Sometimes I become pretty disgusted with my life and myself. I wonder if anyone really loves me. Is there any way I can know that God loves me?

Every human person is made in the image of God. This means that your life is infinitely precious in God's eyes. God values and loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine.

God has also placed into our hearts a yearning for love and happiness that cannot be satisfied by anything less than God. True love will not be found in riches or well-being, in fame or power. True happiness will be found in God alone, the source of all life and all love.

In New Testament times, many people believed that wealth and success were signs of favor and love from God. If disaster struck, you would assume that God was angry with you, or that you had done something wrong. Ill-fortune was a "sign" that God's love had been withdrawn from you.

Jesus turned this sort of thinking on its head. Jesus taught that God truly loves all people, including those who are down on their luck. God's love is not based on wealth, fortune, or success. Rather, God loves you because you are God's own creation, God's child, and heir to God's own kingdom.

You might find it helpful to talk over those feelings of self-disgust with a spiritual director or a confessor. Meanwhile, take comfort in the words of Isaiah: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine (Isaiah 43:1). ●



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MONDAY

February 6
*St. Paul Miki and
Companions,
Martyrs*
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

February 7
Weekday
Gn 1:20-2:4
Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

February 8
Weekday
Gn 2:5-9,
15-17
Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

February 9
Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

February 10
*St. Scholastica,
Virgin*
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY

February 11
Weekday
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY

February 12
*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Sir 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22, 27-28,
33-34, 37

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God changes the world by transforming our hearts, and this he cannot do without us. The Lord wants us to open the door of our hearts in order to enter into our lives....For when God finds an open and trusting heart, he can work wonders there.

HOMILY BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, OCTOBER 2, 2016



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