

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**FEBRUARY 19, 2023 SEVENTH 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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## FINANCE COUNCIL:

**Finance Council Chair**.....Rob Wenberg

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**Chairperson**.....Bridgett Zielke

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Rich Taufferner 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



**[GOD]  
SENDS RAIN ON THE  
RIGHTEOUS  
AND ON THE  
UNRIGHTEOUS.**

**MATTHEW 5:45, NRSV**

## From Father Schmeckel:

**This Wednesday, February 22nd, is Ash Wednesday.** This is the day that marks the beginning of the Season of Lent and our preparation for celebrating Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Ash Wednesday Masses are as follows:

6:45 AM – St John

12:10 PM – Blessed Trinity

5:15 PM – St John

6:30 PM – Blessed Trinity

The distribution of ashes will happen at all Masses. Please note: If you need to attend Mass during your lunch break, the 12:10 PM Mass will have no music and will move along more quickly. The homily at all Masses will be brief and concise to make sure Ash Wednesday Mass can be a part of your busy day.

As we begin this season of Lent, **what practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving will you do** to grow in your love and knowledge of Jesus? I encourage you to spend some time this week thinking about some action or habit you could take up in each of those areas. Here are some ideas of the top of my head for each.

**Prayer:** Attend daily Mass; read the Gospel from daily Mass every day; turn off the radio in the car; pray a decade of the Rosary with your family; pray before and after your meals; find a good spiritual book to read; pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

**Fasting:** Get up when your alarm goes off without hitting the snooze button; read a book instead of watching television at night; talk less in some conversations; skip a meal during the week; drink tea instead of coffee.

**Almsgiving:** Spend extra time in the evening playing with your children; collect food or money for the food pantry or another charity; check your giving to your parish and other organizations; give your regular coffee money to a worthy cause; spend less on unnecessary purchases. The point of our Lenten practices are not to make us unhappy or to suffer, rather, using worldly and earthly things less reminds us that God is the giver of all good gifts. Let us grow in our love for Him during this Season of Lent!



### LAY MINISTERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY & FEBRUARY 25/26

MASSES	Ash Wednesday February 22, 6:45 am	Ash Wednesday February 22, 5:15 pm	Saturday, February 25, 5:30 pm	Sunday, February 26, 9:00 am
Lector	Julia Rodemeier Steve O' Neil	Susan Vavra	Melanie Pellegrino	Beth Zadalis Gerald Loth
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rita Gast Clyde Kometer	Rich Tauferner Diane Hart		Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Mel Free Steve O'Neil	Volunteer Volunteer	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Volunteer
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Connie Katchkey	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

# MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	February 18	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Veronica Gilles by Ken & Alice Walter
Saturday	February 18	St. John's	5:30 pm	†George Mott by Benishek Family
Sunday	February 19	St. John's	9:00 am	Jen Meyer & Family by Teresa Bettag
Sunday	February 19	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	February 21	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Dr. David Batzner by Ken & Helen Maurer
Wednesday	February 22	St. John's	6:45 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Wednesday	February 22	Blessed Trinity	12:10 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	February 22	St. John's	5:15 pm	Special Intention for the Bettag Family by John Bettag
Wednesday	February 22	Blessed Trinity	6:30 pm	†Marilyn Jarvis by Chuck & Jane Waldoch, †Edward & Mary Eigenberger by Timothy & Bonnie Eigenberger
Thursday	February 23	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Ann Scheibl
Friday	February 24	St. John's	7:00 am	†Brian Dobak
Saturday	February 25	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Veronica Gilles by Jim & Tootie Paul, †George Hoff by Marlene Hoff
Saturday	February 25	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Mick Gahagan by Benishek Family
Sunday	February 26	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 26	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Joe Ehren by Ken Schmeling, †Bradley Woveras by Family

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, February 25 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, February 26 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7-12:** On Today's readings at Mass on this 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time are challenging and clear as Jesus tells us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." St. Paul also tells the Corinthians, and us, that "the temple of God, which you are, is holy." What does it mean to be holy? In Latin, holy is "sanctus" and it means to be "set apart" or "saint." In a recent Religious Education class, our students were told that as Catholics we are not better than anyone, but we should be different. Why is that? Because we know Jesus and are firmly convinced that He loves us and is with us and within us, so we have faith that no matter what, God is in charge and we trust that He knows what is best! This belief and trust in God gives us freedom from fear and so we can be brave as we live HOLY lives in our desire to be a saint!! Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President, had a great quote that says "the only way to defeat an enemy, is to make them your friend." And this is precisely what Jesus is asking of us when He tells us to "love our enemies." I have told our Religious Education students several times that for me, the hardest word in the entire Bible is "as." We know that Jesus loves us and wants us to love Him in return, so He tells us not just "to love your neighbor, but to love him AS yourself"; to not just be perfect but to "be perfect AS your heavenly Father is perfect." In Greek, perfect means "telos" or "to see far" like in telescope. So what Jesus is telling us about being perfect, doesn't mean having perfect theology or our act totally together. No, what He means by this is to trust in God, to be in relationship with Him, because He sees the big picture and so He knows what He is doing in each of our lives to help us to be "set apart" and become a saint, so we can be with Him forever in paradise! That is a promise and hope AS good AS it gets! See you at Mass. ~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12





# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:30 - 11 am	Women's Group Walking With Purpose
12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 - 10:30 am	Mother's Group
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Religious Education Committee Meeting

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society Finance Council Classroom #8
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Pastoral Council Lower Level Conference Room
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Choir Practice

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:45 am	Ash Wednesday Mass
4:30 - 5:15 pm	First Reconciliation / First Communion Information Meeting 2nd Grade Classroom
5:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Mass

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Group Church Hall
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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 am	Mass
5:15 pm	Stations of the Cross

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:30 - 11 am	Women's Group Walking With Purpose
12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

**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](http://www.archmil.org/called-and-gifted)**

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

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2133 N. 22ND ST., SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081

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& Catechesis*

**FISH FRY:** St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, March 3** 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.

# ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

## LENTEN MATERIALS

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS** will be available in the pews this weekend. Large print copies are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

**DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT** will be available on the table in the Gathering Space.

**LENTEN CALENDARS** are available for you to take home. They are on the table in the Gathering Space.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## LENTEN FISH FRY!

FRIDAYS  
DURING  
LENT

FEBRUARY 24

MARCH 03

MARCH 10

MARCH 17

MARCH 24

MARCH 31

SERVING 4-6:30 PM

FEATURING GREAT FISH  
AND THE DELICIOUS HOMEMADE  
DESSERTS YOU KNOW AND LOVE!

DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

LARGE - \$15

SMALL - \$12

VEGETARIAN - \$7

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Dinner includes coleslaw,  
applesauce, bread, homemade  
dessert and a choice of noodles,  
American potato salad or chips.

Soda and beer available for purchase.

MOBILITY ACCESSIBLE

115 Plymouth Street / Plymouth, WI / 920-892-4006



## ANCHOR OF HOPE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE:

Please return your baby bottles to the basket in the Gathering Space by **THIS Sunday, February 19**. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Takes place on Fridays during Lent at 5:15 pm.

**Friday, February 24:** Bill McGinnis

**Friday, March 3:** Teresa Bettag & Students

**Friday, March 10:** Rich Tauferner

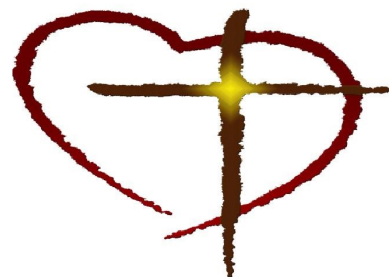


## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated and ashes distributed on **Wednesday, February 22**.

**St. John's:** 6:45 am & 5:15 pm

**Blessed Trinity:** 12:10 & 6:30 pm



*Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice*  
*12 Hours of*  
*Reconciliation*

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

**From 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**

Hosted by **St. Peter Claver Parish**

1439 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheboygan

Please use the parking lot entrance to enter the building.

12 hours of Reconciliation will also take place in Fond Du Lac  
on Wednesday, March 29, 2023,  
from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

hosted by Holy Family Parish, 27 Fourth Street Way,  
as well as other locations throughout the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

Please see the Archdiocesan website for more information regarding times and  
locations <https://archmil.org>



## SIX (6) SOUPER SUNDAYS IN

**LENT:** Beginning this Sunday, February 19,

stop in the Gathering Space after 9:00 am Sunday Mass at St. John's during Lent to pick up a quart of homemade soup **TO GO**. Your free-will donation will go towards the Human Concerns Lenten project to support the Society for the Friends of Children in Honduras. Mary Jo Braatz, retired Kohler kindergarten teacher, has been active with this special mission work serving critical needs of children in one of the poorest areas in the Western Hemisphere. Three different soups will be available. Please contact Sharon Reilly at 920-980-9622 or email reillys53044@gmail.com for more information or if you would be willing to provide a crockpot/nesco of your favorite soup.

**Lenten Observance:** The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason: a) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent; b) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Therefore, on these days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during these two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

## A LITTLE RETREAT FOR BUSY PEOPLE

### Evening Tract at Blessed Trinity Parish

#### **Sunday, February 26**

5:45 pm Exposition & Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 pm: Short talk on **beauty**  
6:15 pm Adoration, Silent Prayer & Confession  
6:45 pm Benediction

#### **Monday, February 27**

5:45 pm Exposition & Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 pm: Short talk on **joy**  
6:15 pm Adoration, Silent Prayer & Confession  
6:45 pm Benediction

#### **Tuesday, February 28**

5:45 pm Exposition & Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 pm: Short talk on **peace**  
6:15 pm Adoration, Silent Prayer & Confession  
6:45 pm Benediction

### Morning Tract at St. John Evangelist Parish

#### **Monday, February 28**

5:45 am Exposition & Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 am Short talk on **beauty**  
6:15 am Adoration, Silent Prayer & Confession  
6:45 am Benediction

#### **Tuesday, February 28**

5:45 am Exposition & Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 am Short talk on **joy**  
6:15 am Adoration, Silent Prayer & Confession  
6:45 am Benediction

#### **Wednesday, March 1**

5:45 am Exposition & Eucharistic Adoration  
6:00 am Short talk on **peace**  
6:15 am Adoration, Silent Prayer & Confession  
6:45 am Benediction



## CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATE:



**MASSES - THIS Weekend of February 18/19:** Bring your electronics to Mass and volunteers stationed in the back of Church will provide assistance to help you register on Formed.org and access FREE Catholic programming! Remember, we have a shared subscription with Blessed Trinity Parish and members of St. John Evangelist Parish must use Blessed Trinity – Sheboygan Falls as their parish when signing up. Written instructions are also available in the back of church.

**Tuesday, March 7: Conversations Over Coffee—Ask Fr. Schmeckel a Question from 10:00-11:00** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room. The theme is Lent. Refreshments with coffee/tea will be provided.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28—March 28 7:00—8:30 pm Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist (A Formed.org Series):** Explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. There will be five sessions. Please contact Paula Inda at paula.marie.ind@gmail.com to have the zoom link sent. **This is Online only.**



**START WITH CHRIST**  
The day begins with Mass and ends with a spiritual renewal.

**BRING YOUR SONS**  
And sons, bring your Father. Build a special bond with a powerful Father/Son blessing.

**WIVES & DAUGHTERS**  
Support the men in your life and your parish throughout the morning in prayer.

**COURAGEOUS PRIESTS**  
Our spiritual leaders will hear thousands of confessions and heal thousands of souls.



**Bart Schuchts**  
is the founder of Church on Fire, has been associated with the John Paul II Healing Center since its inception, and has been in ministry for over 30 years.



**Kevin O'Brien**  
is the President of North America Publications and the CEO of Best Version Media. Kevin played pro football from 1993 to 1996 when he began searching for God and rediscovered his Catholic faith.



**Mike Sweeney**  
is a five-time Major League Baseball All-Star first baseman and member of the Kansas City Royals Hall of Fame after a 20-year professional baseball career.



**Fr. John Burns**  
is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and author of the bestselling book Lift Up Your Heart: A 10-Day Personal Retreat with St. Francis de Sales.



**Archbishop Jerome Listecki**  
is the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He studied Canon Law and Moral Theology at the Pontifical University in Rome, and is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves.

**Please join us at BLESSED TRINITY • SHEBOYGAN FALLS, WI**

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920-980-2112

Blessed Trinity  
319 Giddings Ave.  
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

6:30 Coffee/Donuts/etc.  
7:05 Patriotic Rosary  
7:30 Holy Mass  
8:15 Adoration/Confession  
8:45 Emcee/Schedule  
8:50 Talk 1 O'Brien  
9:16 Talk 2 Sweeney  
9:57 Talk 3 Burns

10:38 Break  
10:50 Talk 4 LaCoco  
11:22 Archbishop Listecki  
11:41 Lunch  
12:21 Talk 6 Schuchts  
1:15 Close O'Brien  
1:30 End

**MEN OF CHRIST**  
LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

REGISTER @ [menofchrist.net](http://menofchrist.net)

Women and children may attend Mass and Adoration. Conference is for men/adults.

## FINANCIAL: FEBRUARY 11/12,

**2023:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,167.22.



**WELCOME TO THE PARISH:** Please welcome  
Welcome David Montgomery

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CHARITY CLUB:

Catholic Women's Charity Club (CWCC) Evening Prayer & Meeting is Wednesday, March 1st at St. Peter Claver Church starting at 6:30 PM with payer service in the church, followed by meeting at 7:00 in Van Treeck Hall. Guests and women interested in joining the club are welcome to attend. For further information regarding CWCC, check out their web page at <http://catholicwomenscharityclub.weebly.com> or contact Membership Chairperson, Jane (920.918.7855) or any current member.

# Dear Padre,

***I am wondering why Ash Wednesday is sometimes in February and sometimes in March. Who decides when Lent begins, and why is it always different?***

The beginning of Lent is determined by the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The first Sunday of Lent is six weeks before, and the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

This subject has caused division in the Church since the second century, because the Eastern Church and the Western Church had different calendars. So, the calculations of the first full moon of spring differed and therefore the date of Easter and Ash Wednesday were different. Sometimes on a calendar you will see both Easter and Orthodox Easter listed on different Sundays. It is hard for most of us to appreciate why the differences between East and West are so important. Remember the prayer of Jesus, that we all may be one. We can honor our Lord's desire for unity and pray during this Lent for the unity of Christians everywhere. ●



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***The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org***

## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Sir 1:1-10	Sir 2:1-11	Jl 2:12-18	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Mk 9:14-29	Mk 9:30-37	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18				Mt 4:1-11



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***If we want to call ourselves Christians, this is the only way; there is no other. Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first....***

**HOMILY IN BARI (ITALY), FEBRUARY 23, 2020**