

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



FEBRUARY 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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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

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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 MARCH 4/5

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Colleen Kuhn	Diane Hart Riley Holzrichter
Servers		Sophia Hogan Brett Hogan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Mel Free
Ushers	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Patti Cosgrove	Sarafin Family

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, March 4 at 3:00 pm & at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, March 3 from 6:00- 6:45 am & Sunday, March 5 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.



"Man does not live
 on bread alone, but
 on every word that
 comes from the mouth
 of God." Matthew 4:4

From Father Schmeckel:

This Sunday is the **First Sunday of Lent**. I admit that I sometimes dread the Season of Lent because extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving has its own difficulties, plus Lent is a time when Jesus often invites us into a deeper friendship with Him. Sometimes this even means taking up new practices or doing away with specific sins or vices but, no matter what we choose to do during this Lenten Season, let us ask Jesus to help us so that when Easter comes our love for Him has grown stronger and we have become more holy.

This week, I will lead a "Little Lent Retreat for Busy People" at each of our parishes. It will include silent adoration, a very short talk, the opportunity for Confession, and Benediction.



Blessed Trinity: Sunday, February 26 | Monday, February 27 | Tuesday February 28 | 5:45-6:45 PM
Saint John: Monday, February 27 | Tuesday, February 28 | Wednesday March 1 | 5:45-6:45 AM

The topics are: Beauty, Peace, Joy. Having some quiet time for prayer might be a good way to start your Lent!

During Lent, especially in the A Cycle of readings this year, the Gospel for Mass is sometimes longer and more complex. I encourage you to try to read the Gospel ahead of time as part of your Lenten practices. That way when you come to Mass, it will be easier to follow along. Below are the Gospel readings for each Sunday:

First Sunday of Lent – Matthew 4:1-11 (Jesus is tempted in the desert)
Second Sunday of Lent – Matthew 17:1-9 (Transfiguration of Jesus)
Third Sunday of Lent – John 4:5-42 (Jesus & the Samaritan woman at the well)
Fourth Sunday of Lent – John 9:1-41 (Jesus & the man born blind)
Fifth Sunday of Lent – John 11:1-45 (the raising of Lazarus from the dead)
Palm Sunday – Matthew 26:14-27:66 (Passion & Death of Jesus)

At both of our parishes, you may have noticed an increasing number of people who prefer to kneel and to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. This is especially true at Saint John. I have also noticed that there are a number of people with mobility limitations that seem to feel a bit rushed when they receive our Lord in the Eucharist. I am considering a few ways to accommodate and help each person to receive Communion in his or her preferred way – in a reverent and accessible way. I want to give some heads up so that when it happens, no one thinks that I woke up one morning and decided to change something so significant.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: If you are not receiving Contribution Envelopes in the mail and would like to use them, please contact the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnev@btsje.org to have them mailed to you quarterly. If you would prefer to donate via ACH (Automatic Withdrawal), the form can be found on our website (stjohnkohler.org) or a form can be emailed to you.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	February 28	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Sandi Seaman by Ken & Helen Maurer
Wednesday	March 1	St. John's	7:00 am	Special Intention of Lee & Shirley Waszak by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Thursday	March 2	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Edith Gerrits by Donna Plagemann
Friday	March 3	St. John's	7:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family
Friday	March 3	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	March 4	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Russell McCoy by Evonne, †Ed Sabel & Jane Ornelas by Family
Saturday	March 4	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Baldwin Family by Richard Klein
Sunday	March 5	St. John's	9:00 am	†Phil Pellegrino by Pellegrino Family
Sunday	March 5	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

PARISH & RELIGIOUS OFFICES CLOSED: The Parish & Religious Education Offices will be closed on **Thursday, March 2 from 8:00 am until approximately 1:00 pm** while the staff attends a Archdiocese Lenten Morning of Renewal. All emails and voicemails will be answered as soon as possible when we return.



FINANCIAL: FEBRUARY 17/18, 2023:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,379.00.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Maximilian Joseph, son of Jonathan & Nancy Simpson was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, February 17. Please pray for Maximilian and his family.



CONFIRMED: David Montgomery received the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass on Sunday, February 19.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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 (Choir Sings)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:45 - 7:00 am	"A Little Retreat For Busy People"
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:45 - 7:00 am	"A Little Retreat For Busy People"
8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society Social Justice Committee Meeting Classroom 8
4:45 pm	Choir Practice
6:30 - 8:00 pm	

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

5:45 - 7:00 am	"A Little Retreat For Busy People"
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Religious Education 4k - Grade 6
6:45 - 8:00 pm	Religious Education Grades 7 - 12

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Group Church Hall
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FRIDAY, MARCH 3

6:00 - 6:45 am	Reconciliation
7:00 am	Mass
5:15 pm	Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

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**


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

ST. DOMINIC

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


ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE
OFFICE of
Evangelization & 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Takes place on Fridays during Lent at 5:15 pm.

Friday, March 3: Teresa Bettag & Students

Friday, March 10: Rich Tauferner

Friday, March 17: Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel

A LITTLE RETREAT FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Evening 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 at St. John Evangelist Parish

Monday, February 27

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 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 prayer 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.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL:

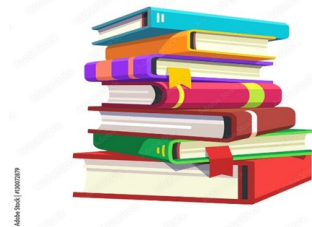
The Catholic Life Center will host a First Friday Social after the 7:00 am Mass on Friday, **March 3**. Please stay for a donut and some coffee.



SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS 2023 LENTEN ALMSGIVING INITIATIVE

Organized by:

Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee – St. John Evangelist
Parish, Kohler
Human Concerns Committee – Blessed Trinity Parish,
Sheboygan Falls



We invite and encourage you to participate in our Lenten fundraising efforts for the **SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS (SAN)**. This organization is committed to providing housing, care, education, and clean water for orphaned, abandoned, neglected, and abused children in Honduras. Our funds will be used to address those needs, primarily clean water, and education.

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED:

- **Sociedad Amigos de Los Ninos (SAN) – Society for the Friends of Children** – is a well-respected private non-profit organization in Honduras.
- SAN was founded in 1966 by **Sister Maria Rosa Leggol**, a Honduran orphan herself, who was **educated in Milwaukee** by the Franciscan Sisters.
- The organization currently houses about 150 children in two locations, in and around the Honduran capital city of Tegucigalpa.
- Contributions will help provide clean water, education, and other amenities that our young children are endowed with daily.

Checks/cash can be dropped into church offertory collection baskets using designated envelopes, drop off at the Parish Office during office hours, or mail it in to one of the Parishes.

If you write a check, please designate **"SAN"** or **"Lenten Almsgiving"** on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. The last day of the collection will be Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. ~John Egan, St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee



SIX (6) SOUPER SUNDAYS IN LENT: 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.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENTEN FISH FRY!

FRIDAYS
DURING
LENT

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

FEBRUARY 24

MARCH 03

MARCH 10

MARCH 17

MARCH 24

MARCH 31

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

Blessed Trinity Parish



Trivia Night
with Pasta Dinner



Saturday, March 11, 2023

319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls in Church Hall

- Come early for a Pasta Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 PM in our newly renovated Church Hall, then stay for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Or just come for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams
- Gift basket awarded to the best team table decorations
- Soda, Beer, Hard Seltzer, and Wine available at a Cash Bar throughout the evening
- Grab your friends, decorate your table, and test your trivia knowledge!
- There is no minimum age limit to play (for example, a group of high schoolers could form a team)
- Don't have a team? No problem, we can put you on one!
- NO FOOD OR DRINK CARRY-INS ALLOWED

Dinner Ticket \$10/person

Trivia Player Ticket \$10/person

Tickets available beginning February 4/5
after the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office
(115 Summer Street, Mon-Fri 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM)

All pre-determined teams (from 2 to 8 people)
should buy their tickets as a group.

**LIVING
YOUR VOCATION
COURAGEOUSLY**

17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023
A HYBRID CONFERENCE IN PARISHES NATIONWIDE

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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Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

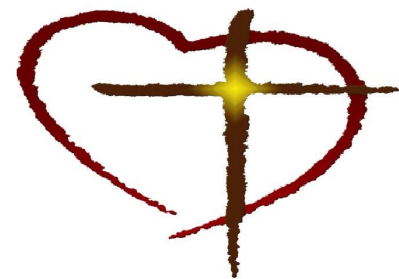
6:30 Coffee/Donuts/etc.
7:05 Patriotic Rosary
7:30 Holy Mass
8:15 Adoration/Confession
8:45 Emcee/Schedule
8:50 Talk 1 O'Brien
9:15 Talk 2 Sweeney
9:57 Talk 3 Burns

10:38 Break
10:50 Talk 4 LaCoco
11:22 Archbishop Listecki
11:41 Lunch
12:21 Talk 5 Schuchts
1:15 Close O'Brien
1:30 End

**MEN OF
CHRIST**
LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

REGISTER @ menofchrist.net

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



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 12th 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 Archdiocese website for more information regarding times and
locations <https://archmil.org>

The Catholic Life Center

Mission: "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls

Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and

Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC

March 2023



COVID Update: Masks are optional.

Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

A Lent to Remember

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Meeting Room



By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, A Lent to Remember (from Formed.org) communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love this Lent.

- March 1 - **Forgiven Series: Where are you?**
- March 8 - **Forgiven Series: An Encounter with Mercy**
- March 15 - **Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained (Forgiven Series)**
- March 22 - **Symbolon Session 6: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus's Death & Resurrection**

****Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist (A Formed.org Series)

Tuesdays, February 28 – March 28

7:00-8:30 pm, Online via Zoom



The Mystery of the Eucharist 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. Five sessions.

Please contact Paula Inda at paula.marie.ind@gmail.com, if you would like the link.



Health and Wellness Tuesdays

10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Meeting Room

- March 7 - **Conversations Over Coffee – Ask Fr. Schmeckel a Question: Theme is Lent,** refreshments with coffee/tea will be available.
- March 14 - **Spring Card Making Service Project**
- March 21 - **Health and Wellness Discussion: The Mediterranean Diet**
- March 28 - **Bloomin on Broadway –** The new owner will tell her story and teach us how to care for fresh floral arrangements and houseplants.

***Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Friday, March 3 after the 7:00 am Mass at SJE Gathering Space
Thursday, March 9 after the 9:00 am Mass at BT in the CLC-Meeting Room

Walk the Walk... Our adult walking program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions call the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616: Mary, Ext. 314 .



Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Front of the Class*

Starring
James Wolk
And
Treat
Williams

This intriguing film is based on the true story of a young man who has Tourette Syndrome. As a child his involuntary sounds and motions were treated as "acting up" by adults, and he was ridiculed by classmates. When a principal discovered the true reason and helped him, he was determined to become a teacher.

Wednesday, March 8 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room



BT/SJE Singles 55+ Group

Are you over 55 and want to socialize with like-situated individuals?



Please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to sign up or for more details.

Lent Through the Scriptures

by Fr. Bob Lotz

Tuesdays, March 21 & 28, 6:00-7:30 pm
CLC-Meeting Room



Join others in exploring these Biblical themes popular during Lent. Each session includes time for reflection and journaling.

March 21 **Entering the Desert, Temptation and Forgiveness**
 March 28 **The Seven Last Words of Jesus**

Please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to sign up or for more details.



Enrich Your Sunday with Episodes from *A Lent to Remember*

After 9:00 am Mass, 10:15-11:00 am,
 St. John Evangelist's School Classroom

March 12 Forgiven Series: Where are you? (Formed.org)
March 26 Forgiven Series: An Encounter with Mercy (Formed.org)

Join us for this video and discussion at a convenient time after Mass, with light refreshments. We finish by 11:00 am in time for other Sunday plans. **See front page for more details on the series.**

Dear Padre,

In the Scripture passages about Jesus in the desert, it says he was alone. How do we know about things that happened to Jesus when he was alone?

In today's Gospel, we hear one passage about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all refer to this incident, but none indicates that anyone was with Jesus.

There were witnesses to many incidents in the life of Jesus. But sometimes the disciples of Jesus depended on his instruction. The first Christians heard about Jesus' instruction and life from the apostles. This preaching of the apostles occurred before Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John wrote anything down.

Over time, the evangelists gathered this preaching together and put it in written form. Gradually these writings became accepted as the gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The apostles were witnesses to what Jesus said and did, so Jesus did tell them things that others did not hear about until later.

Whatever Jesus experiences, he redeems. That means that while temptations are part of our life, they do not have to lead us away from God. Jesus shows us the way to meet them and overcome them. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

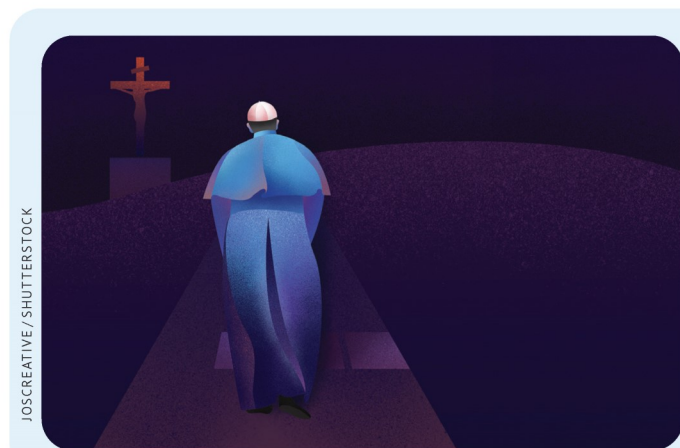


CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS BY IVAN KRASKOV, 1872

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12	Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48	Gn 12:1-4 2 Tim 1:8-10 Mt 17:1-9



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

May this time of Lent also be a time of the desert for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer— just a little, it will do us good—in these spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts....placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer.

ANGELUS, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MARCH 6, 2022