

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 5, 2023 SECOND 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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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

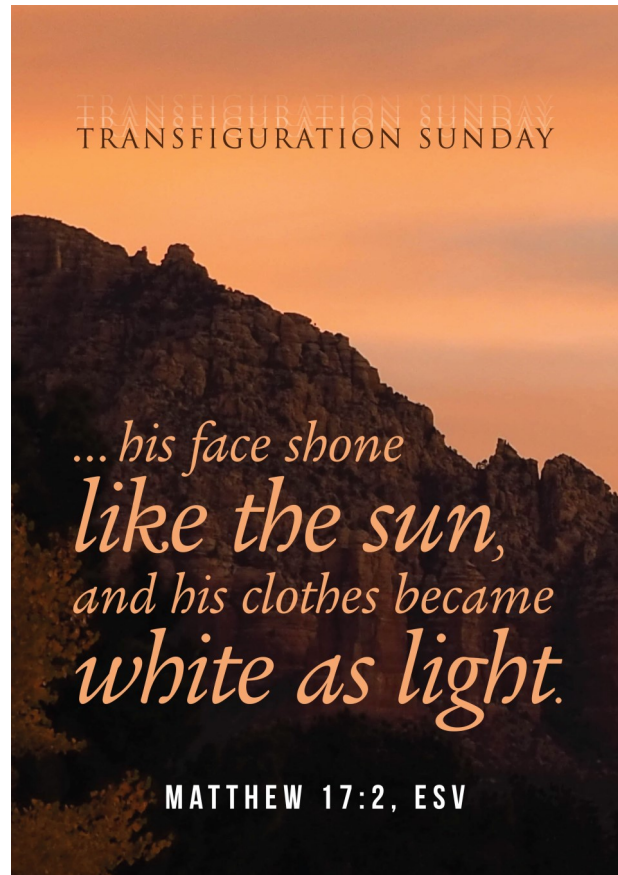
Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

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

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR MARCH 11/12

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Jillian Walton Susan Vavra	Norah Justinger Erin Meyer
Servers		Anthony Bustos Annalise Bustos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Mel Free Volunteer	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Bob & Bette Kluge	Peter Bustos



From Father Schmeckel:

I would like to repeat my encouragement to read the Gospel ahead of time so that some of the longer or more complex passages will be easier to understand. Here are all of the Sunday Gospel readings for Lent this year:

~~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)



Reading the Gospels themselves is a good way for us to get to know Jesus. This could be a good Lenten practice to grow in your love for Him this year!

You may remember in 2011 that the translations of the Mass changed in a number of ways. For example, we no longer say, "and also with you" but instead say, "and with your spirit." These changes to the Mass were the most noticeable for most of us, but the United States Bishops have also been working to update and perfect the Translations of books for the Sacraments and other Rituals – such as Marriage and Baptism.

During Lent this year we already have **a few small changes in the translations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. First, there is a renewed encouragement to use Scripture for the celebration of this Sacrament. After the Second Vatican Council there was an emphasis on re-enforcing the presence of the Word of God in all of the liturgical celebrations. With the new Sacrament of Reconciliation ritual, you might hear a priest read a single line of Scripture before you say, "Bless me, Father..." This is still an optional part of the ritual, so don't fault a priest if he doesn't always read from Scripture!

Next, there have been a few changes to the Act of Contrition that we now use, as well as more options. The purpose of the Act of Contrition is to express in words that we are actually sorry for our sins. While the words provided in our confessionals will change, you should use whatever words you know, or prefer, to express that you are truly sorry for your sins.

Finally, the words of the Prayer of Absolution that the priest prays has changed very slightly. The new translation is as follows, with the new translations in bold:

*"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God **grant** you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

In my bulletin column in the next couple of weeks, we'll look at these things a bit more closely to help us to receive this Sacrament worthily and well, and to prepare for the coming Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	March 7	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Veronica Gilles by Francoise Pietzner
Wednesday	March 8	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ed Zingsheim by Judy Zingsheim
Thursday	March 9	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Nancy Klopff
Friday	March 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Debbie Miller by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Friday	March 10	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	March 11	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Carol Schuessler by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Tim Gilsdorf by Family
Saturday	March 11	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Herbert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	March 12	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 12	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Theresa Weber by Family, †Clara Weyker & Rosemary Reiter by Jim & Lisa Reiter

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, March 11 at 3:00 pm & at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, March 12 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.



Welcome

WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome:

- David & Maria Schuette and children Isaac, Eli, Jonah, and Sophia
- Jonathon & Carol Marksteiner and son Anthony

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 stjohnnev@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.

FINANCIAL: FEBRUARY 25/26, 2023: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,483.00

Celebrating the Children at St. John Evangelist

To the parents of our youngest children, may we suggest....Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House.

- ✦ Sit towards the front where it is easier to see and hear.
- ✦ Quietly explain parts of the Mass.
- ✦ Sing the songs, pray, and say the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- ✦ If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back.
- ✦ Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to Jesus the Christ. Let them know that they are at home in this liturgical gathering.



EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

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, MARCH 5

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass (Choir Sings)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Group Church Hall
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FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

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

MOTHER'S GROUP: The Mother's Group held at St. John Evangelist Parish on the first and third Mondays is **currently on hold** as the best day and time is discussed. If you would like to submit some feedback on days and times, please contact the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnev@btsje.org. Please watch the bulletin for updates.





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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CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATE:

Continuing on Tuesdays until 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.**

Living Lent 2023:

A very special time in the Church calendar is here. It's the beginning of the Lenten Season - a time to prepare our hearts, as individuals and as a parish community, for Easter. The colors that drape the altar are now purple and collections for our yearly Human Concerns Lenten project have begun. It is the time when Catholics around the world honor the disciplines of prayer, fasting and the giving of alms.



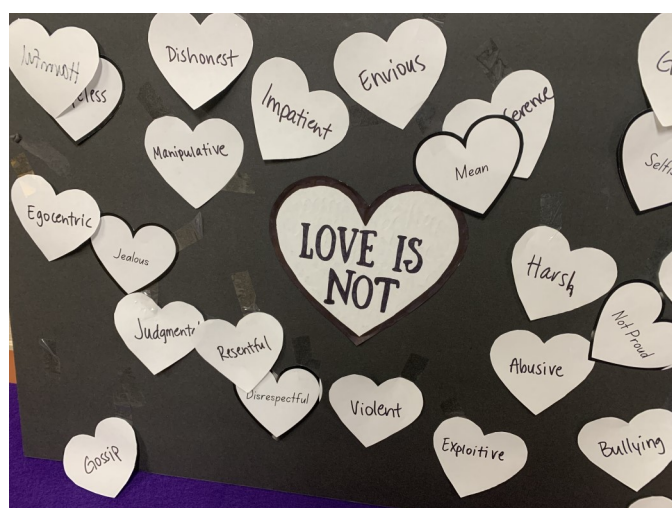
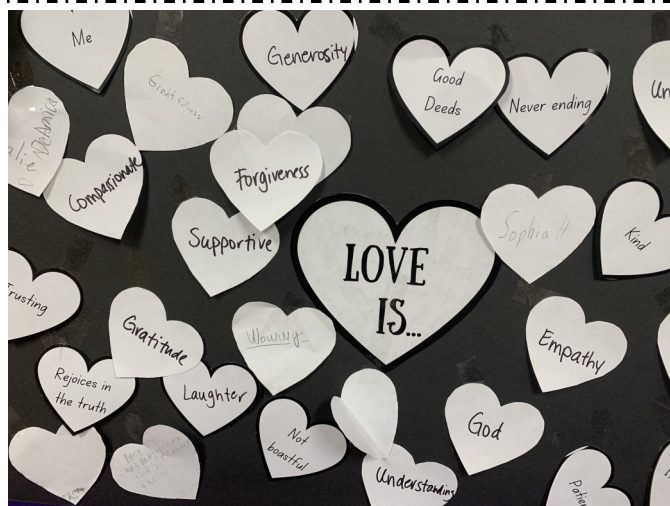
Fasting and abstinence are the practices of giving up something in order to turn away from sin and draw closer to God. The thing we give up might be good in itself, but we relinquish it in order to obtain a greater good. Fasting and abstinence are forms of penance. They help us to make room for God in our lives and to strengthen our wills.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession also provides us with the opportunity to experience God's forgiving love and to be sorry for our wrongdoings, confess our sins, express our sorrow, receive absolution, and do penance for the things we have done wrong. Just as the waters of Baptism cleansed us of original sin, so does sincere repentance wash away all personal sin.

This Wednesday, during the third week of the Lenten Season, twelve of our St John Evangelist Second Grade Children and two Third Graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession for the first time. After spending weeks learning about Jesus' call to holiness, God's commandments, and His forgiving love, during their weekly Religious Education classes they will gather with their parents to receive this Sacrament of Forgiveness. Before leaving the Church together, parents will help their children light a candle while recalling the Sacrament of Baptism when they promised to raise their children in the Faith and when these children became connected to Christ and members of His Church.

Older students are preparing to receive this Sacrament on March 15. They too are spending time during weekly classes getting ready to receive this Sacrament of Healing when they will confess to doing some things wrong on purpose and will express sorrow for these wrongdoings and the intention not to sin again. Please keep all those children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families in your prayers during the upcoming weeks.

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



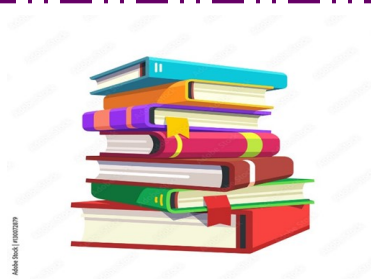
While reviewing the Ten Commandments and preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation-during class time Fifth Graders spent time discussing the need to love God and others and created the "Love Is.... Love is not...." Posters that are on display in the Religious Education wing.

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 Niños (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

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. 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.

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



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

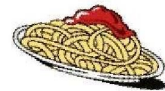
115 Plymouth Street / Plymouth, WI / 920-892-4006

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.



Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice

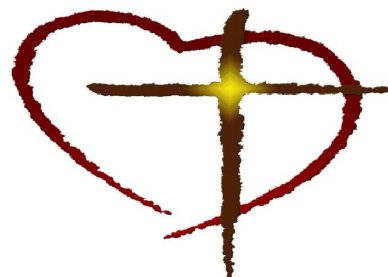
**12 HOURS of
Reconciliation**

On **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**, area priests will
be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation
at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

[www.archmil.org/
Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice](http://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice)



**Scan the code for
more information.**



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



CLC Calendar March 2023



- March 1 -**A Lent to Remember**, Part 1, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 2 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- March 3 -First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass, SJE Gathering Space
- March 4 -**Walking With Purpose**, Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- March 6 -Mother's Group, 9:00-10:30 am, SJE classroom
- March 7 -**Conversations Over Coffee, Ask Fr. Schmeckel a Question: Theme is Lent**, refreshments with coffee/tea, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 8 -**A Lent to Remember**, Part 2, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 8 -Movie Matinee, *Front of the Class*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- March 9 -Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, CLC-MR
- March 9 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- March 11 -**Walking With Purpose**, Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- March 12 -**A Lent to Remember**, Part 1, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Classroom, after 9:00 am Mass
- March 13 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- March 14 -Spring Card Making Service Project, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 15 -**A Lent to Remember**, Part 3, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 16 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- March 16 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- March 18 -**Walking With Purpose**, Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- March 18 -CLC Social Saturday at Blessed Trinity after 4:00 pm Mass
- March 20 -Mother's Group, 9:00-10:30 am, SJE classroom
- March 21 -**Health and Wellness Discussion: Mediterranean Diet** 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 21 -**Entering the Desert, Temptation and Forgiveness**, by Fr. Bob Lotz, 6:00-7:30 pm, CLC-MR
- March 22 -**A Lent to Remember**, Part 4, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 23 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- March 25 -**Walking With Purpose**, Women's Bible Study, 9:30-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- March 26 -**A Lent to Remember**, Part 2, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Classroom, after 9:00 am Mass
- March 27 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- March 28 -**Bloomin on Broadway**, LLC-Their story and plant care, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- March 28 -**The Last Seven Words of Jesus**, by Fr. Bob Lotz, 6:00-7:30 pm, CLC-MR

Watch for Dates

***TBD

-Acrylic painting April/May and Spring Potluck

CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Rom.

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 Listecky

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 Listecky
11:41 Lunch
12:21 Talk 6 Schuchts
1:15 Close O'Brien
1:30 End

REGISTER @ **menofchrist.net**

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

MEN OF CHRIST
LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

Dear Padre,

What is the value of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting candles is one of many customs that can be found in most of the world's religions. Lit candles, in church or at home, in front of a picture or statue of a favorite saint, serve a symbolic function. The light of the candle represents our desire that our prayer may be constant, as St. Paul urged (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The candle burns while we go about our daily tasks, symbolizing our desire to be at prayer with God. Similarly, Tibetan Buddhists spin prayer wheels and believe that as long as the wheels spin, a prayer is offered. Candles give light and banish the darkness. For Catholics they symbolize the light of Christ, by whose death and resurrection we are saved.

Lighting a candle isn't a required act. You can pray without lighting candles, without statues, without anything but your faith in God. However, we Catholics love our symbols. We like to engage all of our senses in our prayer experience: beautiful churches, colored light, incense, great music and, yes, candles.

One extreme position to avoid is lighting a candle hoping it will cause something else to happen, like the sudden cure of a loved one or relief from financial ruin. We are to avoid all appearance of using candles as if they have an untapped, magical power. Nevertheless, lighting a candle as a part of our prayer is a comforting custom and most things (and people?) look lovelier by candlelight. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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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
March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4,	Mi 7:14-15,	Ex 17:3-7
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	12-13a, 17-28	18-20	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
				Mt 21:33-43,	Lk 15:1-3,	Jn 4:5-42
				45-46	11-32	



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy,... "The only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint."

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD), MARCH 19, 2018