

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday	4:00 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

PARISH STAFF:

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FINANCE COUNCIL:

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Bob Goldsmith

Ryan Kuhn

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Chairperson..... Bridgitt Zielke

Vice Chairperson..... Steve O'Neil

Rich Tauferner

Norma Horne

Nick Cinquepalmi

Paul Gami

Rita Gast

Carol Marksteiner

Rick Michaletz

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & 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, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



From Seminarian Jacob Bruns:

Three weeks from now marks the beginning of Advent. The Fall season seems to come and go along with Thanksgiving. Suddenly, we are making Christmas plans with family and friends, buying gifts, taking down Fall decorations and putting up Christmas-themed decorations, and before you know it, we are making resolutions for the New Year. What I am getting at here is that Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas all seem to blend together into a singular season rather than being distinct periods of times where the Lord can meet us. Because of this my suggestion to everyone, including myself, is to stay in the present moment for the next couple of months.



Advent can be such a beautiful season of prayer and contemplation on the “coming” (the literal meaning of Advent) of Jesus in the Christmas season, but all too often it can be, and is, just combined, in our minds and in the secular culture, with Christmas. It would be beneficial for us to stay grounded in the present and not worry about the future. In my last bulletin article, I wrote a little about staying in the present, and this has been part of my prayer for the past month. Staying in the present moment is an important task for us to keep in mind and can help us to be more receptive to the graces that the Lord wants to give us.

Let us prepare our hearts for Advent and pray for the grace to stay in the present moment.
Veni, veni, Emmanuel!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Altar Server training will be offered for new servers and current servers in need of a refresher. Anyone who has received his/her First Holy Communion may be an Altar Server. Training times are:

Saturday, November 18 –

3:15 PM (before Mass) Blessed Trinity

Sunday, November 19 –

8:15 AM (before Mass) Saint John
after 10:30 AM Mass Blessed Trinity

Servers may attend training at either parish. If none of these times work for you, please call Gretchen or Sandy in the Parish Office to schedule training with Fr Schmeckel and/or Seminarian Jacob Bruns.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK (NOVEMBER 7 - 15):

Prayer to Know Your Vocation in Life

Almighty God,
You have given me the gift of life,
And the gift of Your Holy Spirit.
For these incredible gifts, I thank You.
Help me to use them well.
Deepen within me a desire to do Your will.
Help me to hear and answer Your call to serve You.
Guide me to the vocation You have chosen for me,
As a loving spouse and parent in the
Sacrament of Marriage,
As a single person living a life of generous service,
Or through a special call to serve You in Religious
Life or Priesthood.
May your Holy Spirit keep me always close to Your
Son Jesus,
And help me to say yes to Him
With the gift of my life.
Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

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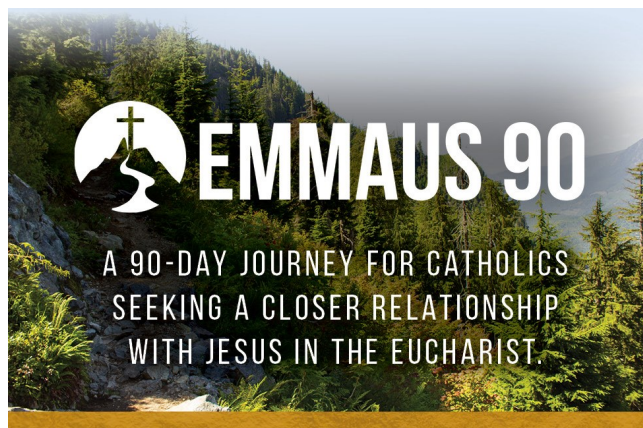
Saturday	November 11	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	November 12	St. John's	9:00 am	†Sylvia Mahloch by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	November 12	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	November 14	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Zimbal Family by Ann Reineking
Wednesday	November 15	St. John's	7:00 am	Deceased Members of the Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner
Thursday	November 16	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Russell, Edwin, & Agnes McCoy by Evonne McCoy
Friday	November 17	St. John's	7:00 am	†Jeff Miley
Saturday	November 18	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampman by Family, †Brian Woveras by Family, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Sunday	November 19	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	November 19	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Warren & Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica

LAY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 19

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Jillian W. Colleen Kuhn
Servers	Anthony J. Ben B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Audrey Waitkus

FINANCIAL: NOVEMBER 5: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,115.00.
All Saints Day Masses: \$851.00

THANKSGIVING DAY VIGIL MASS: Will be held at St. John Evangelist Parish on **Wednesday, November 22 at 5:30 pm.**



NEW YEARS TO EASTER

90 days to encounter Jesus Christ, grow more firm in your faith, and emerge more confident in sharing the Gospel than ever before.

Emmaus 90 "pilgrims" receive:

- > daily prayer prompts
- > challenges to grow in holiness
- > robust formation sessions (by livestream on Thursday nights or recording)
- > discussion questions for small groups and families

MORE INFO AND REGISTER BY DEC. 10
WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/EMMAUS-90



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EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 - 11:00 am	Women's Group
12:00 pm	AA Meeting <i>Church Hall</i>
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
4:00 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:00 am - 9:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration <i>Church</i>
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Study <i>Conference Room</i>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00 - 6:45 am	Reconciliation
7:00 am	Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 - 11:00 am	Women's Group
12:00 pm	AA Meeting <i>Church Hall</i>

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

The Beauty of Adoration: On **Saturday, November 11** after 4:00 pm Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish in Classroom 8. Join us to discuss adoration and learn more about it. The Religious Education Classroom doors will open at 4:45 for those not attending Mass.



Catholic Life Center Potluck: On **Thursday, November 16 at noon**, in the Catholic Life Center at Blessed Trinity Parish. Sign up your dish to bring in the Catholic Life Center or by contacting Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616 ext. 314.



St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity 55+ Singles Brunch: On **Thursday, November 30 at 10:30 am** at River Park Family Restaurant. Please RSVP to Patty Daun by Nov 27th at pattydaun60@gmail.com or text/call 920-207-9023.

BINGO HELPERS: We are in need of additional helpers to assist with bingo at Rocky Knoll on the 1st Wednesday of every month. The bingo committee is also in need of some prizes to give out. Snack size candy bars are always welcome. **If you have left over Halloween candy which you would like to donate, please place it in the multipurpose room.** Please put any donations in the Multipurpose room on the "Bingo" shelf. Please do not donate religious medals or cards. Contact Bette Kreisa Kluge at 920-912-4075 to volunteer.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, November 18 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Parish on Sunday, November 19 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.



On Sunday, November 5, the 1st Annual All Saints' Day Family Gathering was held at St. John Evangelist Parish. Approximately 50 children and adults enjoyed a pot luck dinner and participated in craft activities. Thank you to Carol Marksteiner and Maria Schuette for organizing this gathering and Eve and Rick Michaletz for assisting.

Dear Padre,

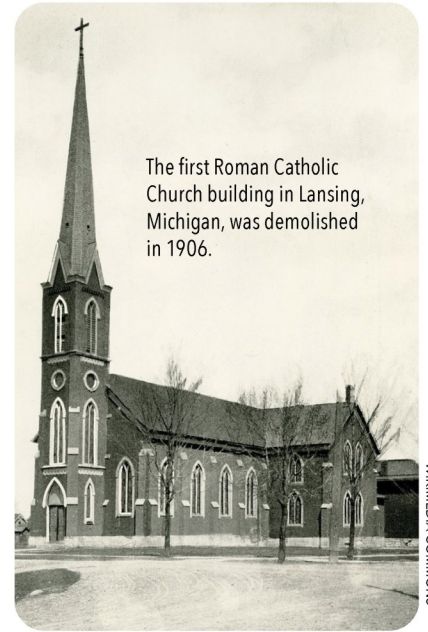
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> Wis 1:1–7 Lk 17:1–6	November 14 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 2:23–3:9 Lk 17:7–10	November 15 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 6:1–11 Lk 17:11–19	November 16 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 7:22b–8:1 Lk 17:20–25	November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> Wis 13:1–9 Lk 17:26–37	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 Lk 18:1–8	November 19 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 1 Thes 5:1–6 Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



VATICAN MEDIA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020