

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



DECEMBER 10, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
4. Any other questions or concerns

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Rick Michaletz

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

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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 Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

And all...
were going out to him
and were being baptized by
him in the river Jordan,

ACKNOWLEDGE
THEIR SINS.

Mark 1:5



Bulletin Submission Deadline: All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

From Father Schmeckel:

In last Sunday's bulletin, I set a goal that 50 new families sign up for FORMED.org – as a way for all of us to grow in our faith during this season of Advent. If you haven't yet done so, I encourage you to do take advantage of this great opportunity that is available for all parishioners of Blessed Trinity and Saint John Evangelist Parishes.



This week, I would like to look at the *Collect* (sometimes called the 'opening prayer') of this Sunday's Mass to help us pray. At Mass this Sunday, the Priest prays:

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.

After calling on God, the prayer asks that "...no earthly undertaking hinder those..." In the season of Advent, the Church's prayers invite us to examine our worldly affairs and our concern for them. This means our family life, work choices, finances, and purchasing habits. Do our decisions about ordinary, everyday things help us to love God – or do they draw us away or make us neutral, bland, and lukewarm?

Then, the prayer describes "...those who set out in haste to meet your Son...". There is an obvious connection to the story of Mary. After Mary finds out that she will conceive and give birth to Jesus, she immediately goes to assist her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant in her old age. As we hear the prayers of the Mass this week: **Is there a sense of urgency in our life with Jesus?** We live in a fast world and get worked up about many things, but does this also describe our spiritual lives?

Finally, the prayer says, "...may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company." In other words, we pray for an understanding and love of heavenly things so that we can join the company of Jesus and of all the Saints. **Do we have a natural desire or a habit of studying and reading to grow in our faith?** We do not have to be scholars or intellectuals to have a continual habit of learning more about our faith. There are many, many resources available in many different formats that can help us to stay connected to our faith and to "learn of heavenly wisdom". Are we taking advantage of our time of Advent to prepare for the things that truly matter?

As we look ahead to Christmas, I want to encourage you to plan ahead to attend Mass. Because Christmas falls on a Monday this year, our obligations for Mass are a little peculiar. Catholics are obliged to fulfill their regular Sunday obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent *and* for the great celebration of Christmas and the Birth of Jesus. This means that one must go to Mass twice – in some combination – to keep up with these opportunities to worship God and be changed by Him in the Eucharist. Below are all of our Mass times for those days. One easy way to make decisions could be to choose one Mass from each column in your planning.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM – Dec 23 – Saint John
9:00 AM – Dec 24 – Saint John
10:30 AM – Dec 24 – Blessed Trinity

Solemnity of Christmas

4:00 PM – Dec 24 – Saint John
4:00 PM – Dec 24 – Blessed Trinity
10:00 PM – Dec 24 – Saint John
8:30 AM – Dec 25 – Saint John
10:30 AM – Dec 25 – Blessed Trinity

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	December 9	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Dennis Dohms by Dan & Diane Dohms, †Dick Schaetz by Bob & Laurie Schaetz
Sunday	December 10	St. John's	9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner
Sunday	December 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	December 12	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Holtz & Baldus Families by Liz Holtz
Wednesday	December 13	St. John's	7:00 am	†Gertrude Rupnick by Nancy Schleicher
Thursday	December 14	Blessed Trinity	9:00am	†Edward Zimmermann by Family & Friends
Friday	December 15	St. John's	7:00 am	†Norbert Haen by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Saturday	December 16	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Sunday	December 17	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	December 17	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Brian Woveras by Family, †Rosemary Nanninen by Bob & Linda Guse

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, December 16 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, December 17 from 7:30 to 8:45 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 17

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Angela B. Gerry Loth
Servers	Annaleise B. Anthony J.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Sue Kampman

FINANCIAL: DECEMBER 3: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,742.50.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 15 at noon. All emails and voicemails will be returned on Monday, December 18.

12 HOURS OF RECONCILIATION: Will be held at St. Peter Claver Parish on **Tuesday, December 19 from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.** There will be multiple priests on hand to hear Confessions.

St John's Adoration: Is every Thursday 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at St. John Evangelist Parish (enter through the canopy entrance off of the parking lot). If you would like to be a regular Adorer (one hour of your time a week) or be Substitute Adorer (fill in for regular Adorers), please contact Susan iamsgtv@gmail.com. **All are welcome to stop and spend any amount of time with Jesus!**

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm "Ten Ways to Appreciate the Eucharist"
Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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, DECEMBER 14

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
2:00 - 3:00 pm Bible Study
Conference Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 am Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

Save the Date!

Young Adult Mass & Social at St. Dominic Church Sheboygan, WI



Join us for food,
fellowship, and fun! Please
bring a side to share.

Date:

Saturday, January 27

Time:

6:30 PM Mass
Social & Volleyball
to follow

Location:

St. Dominic Church
2133 N 22nd Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Questions? Contact Jacqueline at jguilbeault@sjbplymouth.org

Hosted by Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation



Ten Ways to Appreciate the Eucharist:

Presented by Father Bob Lotz on **Tuesday, December 12** from **6:30-7:30 pm** at St. John Evangelist Parish in the Lower Level Conference Room (enter through the canopy entrance off of the parking lot). Join Fr. Bob for this two-part presentation based on Kevin Irwin's book Models of the Eucharist which talks about 10 different ways of thinking about the Eucharist. Fr. Bob will show how to use this information to inspire people during preparation for Christmas.



WINTERFEST 2024:

Mark your calendars for Winterfest 2024 which will take place on **Sunday, January 28, 2024**. More information will be in future bulletins. In mid-December, watch for information on signing up to volunteer.

Where are You Sending Me?

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said; 'send me!'"
Isaiah 6:8

Date:

Friday, January 5 & Saturday, January 6, 2024

Location:

Friday, Blessed Trinity Church, Sheboygan Falls, 5:30pm-9pm
Saturday, Lakeland University, Plymouth, 9am-5pm

Cost: \$35 per person early bird price (both days)

- \$45 per person after December 23 (both days)
- \$35 per person for just Saturday
- \$10 per person for just Friday

Registration: Register online at <https://bit.ly/3FFa37V>

Pay via check or cash at any Sheboygan Catholic Parish office.



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024



SALVATION ARMY'S "TOYS FOR TOTS":

The Salvation Army has dropped off a box for this year's "Toys for Tots" Drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy for any age child and place it in the box. All toys must be donated by **Sunday, December 10** for pick up by the Salvation Army on Monday, December 11.



St. John Evangelist/ Blessed Trinity Senior Singles 55+:

The next after Mass social will be on Sunday, December 10, at Blessed Trinity Parish in the Church Hall. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP by December 7, by email if you are a current member or if you are new to the group email Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES KOHLER VILLAGE CAROLING

WALK

DECEMBER 10, 2023

4:00 P.M.

Dig through old trunks and get out the woolen capes, hand muffs, vintage hats and what not. Grab an old lantern and join your church family and friends as we come together and enjoy the beauty of community.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**CAROLING BEGINS AT ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH
AND CAROLERS WALK THE ROUTE AND ENJOY A HOT
BEVERAGE AND COOKIES AFTERWARD.**

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2023 COORDINATOR:
BETHANY LUTHERAN (920) 457-4681
AND TO KOHLER CO. FOR PRINTING THE MATERIALS.





Students in 4K - Grade 6 came together with their Catechists/Teachers during their class time for a special Mass on November 29th as part of their preparation for this Season of Advent and the coming of Christmas. Out of love Jesus came to dwell with us on Christmas and He still comes to live with us today in the Eucharist at Mass.


**Sheboygan
South
Catholic
Parishes**

Come to me.
Matthew 19:14

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS**

SUNDAY, DEC. 10, 2023 • AT NOON



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

July 17 – 21, 2024 National Eucharistic Congress (Indianapolis, IN). The deadline to register for the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Haines and Bishop Schuerman has been extended to **Sunday, December 10**. This is the first National Congress in 83 years. Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, and Cardinal Christophe Pierre plus dozens more. Please visit: <https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Pilgrimage-to-10th-National-Eucharistic-Congress.htm> to get more information and to register.

You are invited!

**Come and spend some time with
our Lord in the Eucharist**

12 Hours of Adoration

WEDNESDAY | DEC 20 | 7AM-7PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
115 Plymouth Street, Plymouth WI
With St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church



HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

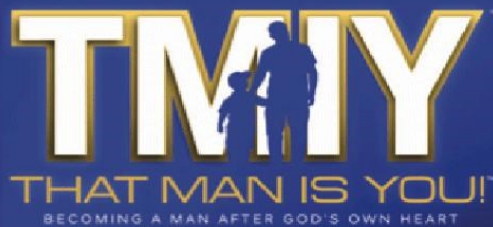


Saturday, December 16, 2023
Starting at 9:00 AM

Blessed Trinity's Front Entrance Gathering Area
319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls

We've done your holiday baking for you.
Assorted Cookie boxes for sale as well as a variety of plates.

Just in time for Christmas!
Cookies make a great gift for your family & friends.



CATHOLIC MEN'S PROGRAM

@Blessed Trinity CLC
Doors open 6:45am with
lite breakfast/fraternity
program 7am-8:30am



All men 18/over invited
contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112



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SEEKING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
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> DAILY CHALLENGES

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\$40/Per Family (includes electronic Family Guide and
two hardcopy Guidebooks; additional Guidebooks for older
children can be purchased for \$20 each)

Begins Jan. 1, 2024 | Guidebook supplies are limited
Register by December 10 to ensure you get a printed
copy

MORE INFO AND REGISTER AT
WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/EMMAUS-90



ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

Customize your journey to fit your schedule!
To connect with a small group, sign up in the back of
church at either parish or contact Mary at the CLC at
920-467-4616, Ext. 314

Dear Padre,

Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church. ●

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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.

MONDAY

December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

TUESDAY

December 12
*Our Lady of
Guadalupe*
Zec 2:14–17 or
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26–38 or
Lk 1:39–47

WEDNESDAY

December 13
*St. Lucy, Virgin
and Martyr*
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

THURSDAY

December 14
*St. John of the
Cross, Priest
and Doctor
of the Church*
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

FRIDAY

December 15
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

SATURDAY

December 16
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

SUNDAY

December 17
*Third Sunday
of Advent*
Is 61:1–2a,
10–11
1 Thes 5:16–24
Jn 1:6–8, 19–28



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the Bible [conversion] means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 6, 2020