

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



DECEMBER 17, 2022 THIRD 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

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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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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 Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John 1:6



*"A man named John
was sent by God. He
came for testimony, to
testify to the light..."*

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:

During this Season of Advent, there is a change in the main emphasis of the Readings and the Prayers at Mass. From the First Sunday of Advent until this Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, the focus is on the Final Coming of Jesus and His spiritual coming to us through the Sacraments, prayer, and the life of the Church; but from now until Christmas Day, there is a change. We focus on the Incarnation and the coming of Jesus as the Infant Child in the manger at Bethlehem.



I encourage you to spend some time this coming week reading **the Gospel for each daily Mass**. This can be a good way for all of us to invite Jesus more deeply into the hustle and bustle of Christmas, that might include buying gifts, and preparing extra meals and desserts! These Readings can be found on the US Bishops' website: usccb.org/bible/readings and are also available in many of the different Advent handouts and booklets.

Along with this change in emphasis, **the "O Antiphons"** begin in the prayer of the Church. Most of us are familiar with 'O Antiphons', even if we don't think we are. These antiphons come from the Liturgy of the Hours, that along with the Mass and Sacraments is one of the Church's only official prayers. These prayers form the verses of the popular hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel". They draw on the prophets and sayings of the Old Testament that all point to the signs and titles of the Messiah who is to come. One way to pray this week might include singing together or listening to one of the verses of this song each day.

And now for some additional practical things:

The Sacrament of Penance (or of Reconciliation/Confession) will be offered this week as follows:

Tuesday, December 19 – 8:00 AM-8:00 PM – St Peter Claver Parish, Sheboygan (multiple priests available all day)

Tuesday, December 19 – 5:15-5:45 PM – Blessed Trinity Parish

Wednesday, December 20 – 8:00 AM-8:00 PM – Holy Family Church – Fond du Lac (multiple priests available all day)

Thursday, December 21 – 8:00-8:40 AM – Blessed Trinity Parish

Friday, December 22 – 6:00-6:45 AM – Saint John Evangelist Parish

Saturday, December 23 – 2:30-3:40 PM – Saint John Evangelist Parish

Sunday, December 24 – 7:30-8:40 AM – Saint John Evangelist Parish

If it has been more than a year since you last received this Sacrament, (you last went to Confession,) it's time to do so. There are many diverse times offered at our parishes and in the area – so there is probably no good excuse not to do this!

A reminder to make your plans ahead of time to attend Mass for both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas. Please see the schedule for both days that is included in this bulletin.

Looking ahead a little further: January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation this year since it falls on a Monday, nonetheless, it will be offered at 9:00 AM at Saint John- Evangelist Parish. You are encouraged to attend on this first day of the new year.

On Tuesday, January 2, we will begin a Tuesday evening Mass at Blessed Trinity at 6:00 PM. During this Mass, we might do a few things differently to offer other ways to pray and celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass. More information to come, but this might be a way for your family to deepen your faith in the Eucharist during the week.

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	December 19	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Guy Harkness by John & Lisa Reiter
Wednesday	December 20	St. John's	7:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Mel & Lorrie Free
Thursday	December 21	Blessed Trinity	9:00am	†Karen Van Treeck by Ken & Barb Richter
Friday	December 22	St. John's	7:00 am	†Rich Lorenz by Family
Saturday	December 23	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Bill Kreisa and Ed & Ethel Kreisa by Bette Kreisa Kluge; Norbert Haen by David & Nancy Schleicher
Sunday	December 24	St. John's	9:00 am	†Casey Doolittle by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Sunday	December 24	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	December 24	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Kendra Versey by Versey Family
Sunday	December 24	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Juergen Pietzner by Family, †Ulrich Bartels by Shelly Bartels
Sunday	December 24	St. John's	10:00 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Monday	December 25	St. John's	8:30 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family
Monday	December 25	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Carol Schuessler by Family, †Carol Margaret Flerchinger by Dave Elder

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday, December 23:

4:00 pm St. John Evangelist

Sunday, December 24:

9:00 am St. John Evangelist

10:30 am Blessed Trinity



Christmas Masses:

Sunday, December 24:

4:00 pm St. John Evangelist

4:00 pm Blessed Trinity

10:00 pm St. John Evangelist

Monday, December 25:

8:30 am St. John Evangelist

10:30 am Blessed Trinity

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Tuesday, December 19 from 5:15 - 5:45 pm and Thursday, December 21 from 8:00 - 8:40 am and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, December 22 from 6:00 - 6:45 am, Saturday, December 23 at 2:30 pm and on Sunday, December 24 from 7:30 to 8:45 am.

FINANCIAL: DECEMBER 9/10: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,197.00.



ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

All Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 25 in Observance of Christmas. All emails and voicemails will be returned as soon as possible on Tuesday, December 26.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:30 - 11:00 am Women's Group
"Wild Goose"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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 21

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00 - 6:40 am Reconciliation
7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

2:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass (4th Sunday
Of Advent)
4:00 pm Mass (Christmas)
9:30 pm Christmas Concert
10:00 pm Mass (Christmas)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 am Mass (Christmas)



THANK YOU!: The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone at St. John Evangelist Parish who donated to the pantry in 2023. Your generous donations of food, as well as monetary donations, have enabled us to continue helping those in the community who find themselves needing some assistance. Thank you, also, to the wonderful volunteers from the Parish who faithfully helped us out at the pantry during the year. Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year. ~Jim O'Neill

2023 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:

All 2022 Contributions must be to the Parish Office no later than **Friday, December 29** or included in the collection at the Masses **December 30/31** to be counted in the 2023 tax year. If you would like to check on your contributions so far this year, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm).



2024 CALENDARS: There is a limited amount of 2024 Calendars, donated by Wenig Funeral Home, available in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend. There are full size and desk calendars available.

NO ST. JOHN'S ADORATION: There will be NO Adoration held on **Thursday, December 28**. The church will be open for private prayer from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm.

ST. JOHN'S THURSDAY BIBLE GROUP: Has concluded for this year. Please watch the bulletin for the start date in 2024.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 7-12 UPDATE:

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent, sometimes referred to as “Gaudete Sunday” which is Latin for “rejoice.” Notice that the priest wears rose or pink colored vestments and our 3rd candle on the Advent wreath is pink! This emphasis on JOY invites us to pause and reflect on the nearness of God, coming very soon to us in baby Jesus at Christmas! In our RE classes this Advent, our large group prayer sessions in Church have focused on the hidden, humbleness of God. We see this in many of the Gospel parables, where Jesus talks about salt, light, yeast, mustard seeds, pearls, two small coins, etc. as indicators of the presence of God in our midst and how we, as followers and believers can imitate Jesus by “doing little things with great love.” (St. Therese of Lisieux became a Saint and Doctor of the Church with her “little way.”) Of course, the humility of God is most revealed in His true presence in the Blessed Sacrament!! Every time we participate in the Mass or rest with the Lord in silent Adoration, we should be overwhelmed that the God who made everything out of nothing is hidden under the form of bread and wine, as He becomes one with us. Like the little baby born in Bethlehem and called “Emmanuel, meaning God with us”, through the reception of Jesus in all of the Sacraments, but especially in the Eucharist, we have “God within us” as well!! Mind-blowing, extravagant, unconditional, sacrificial love! This is WHO we celebrate at Christmas-Jesus, our Savior, Messiah and King, so “O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!”



Some other Christmas carols that contain some hidden meaning that you may not have known are these...

-O Little Town of Bethlehem-In Hebrew, Bethlehem means “house of bread.” So the place where Jesus was born portends His Eucharistic presence! (Micah 5:2)

-Away in a Manger-In Latin, “mangia” means “to eat.” So, the place where Jesus lay is a feeding trough where animals would eat, but He has come as food for us to eat!! (Lk. 2:7)

-Silent Night, Holy Night-I like puns and word play, so I think of this hymn as an ode to good St. Joseph, who was obedient to God's will for Him, even if he didn't understand it all. (Mt. 1:18-25) Joseph trusted God because he was a “silent knight and a holy knight” ready to heed the orders of his superior, Almighty God. We pray to be as trusting and humble as good St. Joseph.

-Joy to the World-Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22), so strive for the supernatural gifts that God wants to share and not settle for the counterfeits that the world offers. To have real and lasting JOY, remember to put Jesus first, Others second and Yourself last and even backwards, You Obey Jesus. Each day, a simple prayer to keep JOY in order, can help you stay focused on WHO we love, know and serve.

-We Three Kings-The three Kings recognized the REAL King of Kings in baby Jesus and they were changed! (Mt. 2:1-12) As we prepare, rejoice and follow Jesus, we need to “orient” every detail of our days with faith and love as we draw near to Him, who is already so near to us. We just need new eyes of faith to see the real “treasure” of God, who is with us and within us.

-We Wish You a Merry Christmas-Again, think of this greeting as “Mary Christmas” for with no mother, there would be no son. (Lk. 1:46-55) Mary always brings us to Jesus, so go to her as a powerful intercessor and ask Mary to help you love her Son and she will. From all of us at 7-12th grade RE, we watch and prepare this Advent for “O Come, o come Emmanuel.” (Is. 7:14 and Mt. 1:23) See you at Mass!

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12


MISSION SOCIETY: The Mission Society will not meet on Tuesday, December 26 and January 2. Quilting begins again on Tuesday, January 9.



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

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

tiny saints
STORYTIME

3rd Thursday of the Month
10:00-10:45AM

IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
 STORYTIME MEETS IN THE CLASSROOMS AT
 ST. JOHN EVANGELIST - 601 VALLEY ROAD, KOHLER



Join us for a
 religious themed story
 activities & crafts themed around the story
 caregiver talking points for conversation

LAY MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 23/24 & CHRISTMAS MASSES

MASSES	Saturday, December 23, 4:00 pm	Sunday, December 24, 9:00 am	Sunday December 24, 4:00 pm	Sunday December 24, 10:00 pm	Monday December 25, 8:30 am
Lector	Bill Moffatt	Erin Meyer	Bridget Bullard Charlotte B.	Colleen Kuhn Susan Vavra	Gerry Loth Hollyann B.
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Leighton M. Brett H.	Anthony J. Patrick B.	Volunteer Volunteer	Joseph B. Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Clyde or Sharon Kometer	Susan Vavra Diane Hart	Clyde Kometer	Judy Loth
Ushers	Ken Udovich Randy Miller	John Multer Volunteer	Bob Hiers Randy Miller Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Dave and Diane Hart	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

12 Hours of Reconciliation



Tuesday, December 19
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
St. Peter Claver Church
1439 S. 12th St.
Sheboygan

Wednesday, December 20
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Holy Family Church
271 Fourth Street Way
Fond du Lac

Priests from around the Fond du Lac and Sheboygan area will hear confessions throughout the day in preparation for the birth of the Lord.



ROCKY KNOLL⁷

THANK YOU!: Dear members of St. John's: We, in the Life Enrichment department at Rocky Knoll, would like to thank you for your generous donation of Christmas items. It is wonderful to know there are kind and generous people such as yourselves that want to make sure our residents have a memorable Christmas. May all of you have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas and a new year filled with peace and love. Sincerely, Jill Birenbaum, Rocky Knoll Life Enrichment Department.



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



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@sjbpymouth.org

Hosted by Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation

Dear Padre,

Was Jesus born in a stable or a cave? The Christmas scene in our church has Jesus born in a little shed, but in my friend's church it looks more like a cave. The Bible says Jesus was born in a manger, so just where was Jesus born?

The Christmas scenes, sometimes called Nativity scenes or crèches, vary from church to church. In Scripture, we find more details about the Nativity in Luke's Gospel, but even he simply says that Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7).

In none of the Scriptures do we have any details about what the place looked like, but since a manger is a place where caregivers feed livestock, we can assume that Jesus was born in a stable of some kind. At that time, small caves sometimes were used as stables.

Nativity scenes, though, are not an attempt to present a historically accurate picture of where Jesus was born. Rather, scenes of the birth of Jesus remind us of the special love that God shows for us in sending the Son to us. We do not care so much about creating an exact picture of what took place as we do of beholding the beauty and wonder of God born among us. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 13, 2020

MONDAY

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5–8
Mt 1:18–25

TUESDAY

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a
Lk 1:5–25

WEDNESDAY

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

THURSDAY

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or
Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

FRIDAY

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24–28
Lk 1:46–56

SATURDAY

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1–4, 23–24
Lk 1:57–66

SUNDAY

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25–27
Lk 1:26–38

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