

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JANUARY 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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Nick Cinquepalmi Paul Gami

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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 Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



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:

This Sunday, we celebrate **the Solemnity of the Epiphany that is one of the most significant and important celebrations in the Church calendar.** The Epiphany is actually on January 6, but the Bishops of the United States have allowed it to be celebrated on a Sunday. Throughout much of the world, the Epiphany, January 6, and is a Holyday of Obligation, and in some parts of the world, the Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated more fervently than Christmas Day!



What is the Epiphany? It is a celebration of three different times in the life of Jesus: 1) the adoration of Jesus by the Magi; 2) His Baptism in the Jordan River, and 3) the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee. The Catechism says this, "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world." (CCC 528) In other words, these three occasions are moments when Jesus' divinity and his mission become visible or known to the entire world.

When the mysterious Magi from the East bring their gifts to the Child Jesus, it means that Jesus as Savior is accessible not just to the Jewish people or the people of the western world as it was known, rather, Jesus is open to the entire world. When Jesus is Baptized by John in the Jordan River, the voice of the Father speaks, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11) Those present had a moment when it became clear that Jesus was God, and not merely an effective teacher, preacher, and miracle worker. When Jesus performs his first miracle – turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, His mission and His works become known publicly and visibly for the first time.

A personnel update: Last year, our **bookkeeper at Saint John's**, Joyce Holstein, informed me that she would be retiring at the end of the year. We thank her for her years of service and dedication to St John Evangelist Parish. After much consideration, I have asked our current Parish Administrative Assistant, Gretchen Free, to assume those bookkeeping responsibilities. Gretchen has both the education and experience to fill this role well. I am grateful that she has agreed to take on these duties. That being said, we are also looking to fill a new position as a part-time receptionist and office assistant to help with a number of tasks to keep St. John's Parish running well. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested or know of someone who might be interested.

Finally, there will be one change for scheduling **Mass intentions for the calendar year 2025** (Note: this is not for this year but for 2025 because requests often come in very early.) It sometimes happens that multiple intentions are offered for a single Mass. Some of this happened because of the Mass Schedule change. Going forward, however, and beginning for Masses in 2025, we won't schedule more than one intention until all of the Masses for the year (including weekdays) have been assigned.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, January 13 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, January 14 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	January 6	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of O'Neill Family by Jim & Heidi O'Neill, †Mitchell Daharsh by Doug & Cindy Dorn, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Sunday	January 7	St. John's	9:00 am	†Debbie Schroeder Miller by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Sunday	January 7	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	January 9	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Audrey Jacoby by Randy & Ann Reineking
Tuesday	January 9	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Carol Schuessler by Family
Wednesday	January 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Reilly & Kubiak Families by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Thursday	January 11	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Edward Zimmermann by Family & Friends, †Tony Woelfel
Friday	January 12	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Friday	January 12	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Anthony Mallmann by Betty Mallmann
Saturday	January 13	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Dick Schaetz by Michaletz Family
Sunday	January 14	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 14	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Rosemary Manninen by Bob & Linda Guse, †Robert Koski by Ruth Pedroni

NEW TUESDAY EVENING MASS: Fr. Schmeckel will be offering a Tuesday evening Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish at 6:00 pm.

LAY MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 13/14

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Gerry Loth	Susan Vavra Hollyann B.
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Patti Cosgrove	Peter Bustos

FINANCIAL: DECEMBER 31: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,269.00.



MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING:

On Sunday, January 21 at 2 p.m., there will be a Mass of Hope and Healing at St. Dominic Parish (2133 North 22nd Street, Sheboygan). This Mass is for those who have ever lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, abortion, suicide, illness, accidental death, or any other cause. All parents, families, and friends of all Faiths are invited to join us at this special Mass commemorating the lives of the children who live in our hearts. Candles will be lit for the children during the Mass and a time of fellowship will follow in the Gathering Space. This Mass is sponsored by the Elizabeth Ministries of the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
5:30 pm Emmaus 90
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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, JANUARY 11

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, January 7.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans.



FOOD PANTRY:

Please continue to bring **non-perishable** goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. They are in need of pasta sauce at this time. **Next Delivery: Monday, January 6, 2024: Tracy Kissel & Faye Rogers.**



Welcome

WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome David & Sherri Murphy to the parish.

Save the Date!

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



Date:

Saturday, January 27

Time:

6:30 PM Mass
Social & Volleyball
to follow

Location:

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

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

Questions? Contact Jacqueline at jguilbeault@sjbpymouth.org

Hosted by Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation

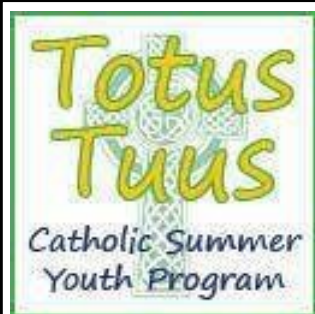
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THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

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



TOTUS TUUS (JUNE 23 - 28, 2024): We are excited to announce that we will be hosting the Totus Tuus Parish Summer Program, a week-long "parish mission" for Catholic youth entering the 1st through 12th grades from **June 23-June 28** here at St. John Evangelist Parish. This Religious Education Summer Program is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. A trained group of young adult "missionaries" will engage the youth of the parish with inspiring, interactive teaching as well as skits, songs, and games throughout the week. Daily Mass and opportunities for Adoration, the Rosary and other Worship experiences will also be provided.

- ♦ Elementary age students (children entering grades 1-6) will meet Monday, June 24th-Friday, June 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ♦ Middle and high school age students (youth entering grades 7-12) will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 23rd - Thursday, June 27th.

Mark your calendar. More information will be coming soon!

CHRIST CHILD ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE:

Christ Child Academy, Sheboygan's top-rated 3K-8th grade private school, is hosting a Catholic Schools Week Open House on January 31 at 6:00 p.m. This is a unique opportunity for your family to explore all the school offers, engage with our dedicated educators, and hear from current parents about the impact of choosing a Catholic education. RSVP online at ChristChildAcademy.com or call 920-459-2660.



MEN'S CONFERENCE
Sat. March 2nd In
Green Bay! 7am-3pm



*Become the man
God is calling you
to be. Deepen your
commitment to Christ
for your family, church,
and community. Join us
at the Shrine of Our Lady of
Champion for a high-powered,
prayer-filled experience.*

All Catholic Men from all Sheboygan County Area Parishes are invited!
Sponsored by men of TMIY and K of C
Register at: estovir.com
Contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112
regarding more info & transportation

WINTERFEST

Saint John Evangelist Parish
Kohler, WI – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Sunday, January 28, 2024



Great Food & Fellowship!

Traditional Favorite Foods
Coors light beer & other domestic & premium
brands, Pepsi Products
and Nicolet Water



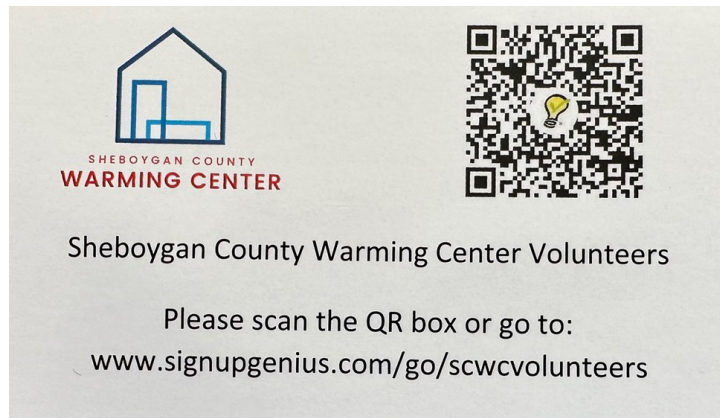
Silent Auction, Bucket Raffles,
Instant Raffles, 50/50 Raffle and Wine Pull!

Lots of Fun Kids Games!

HELP NEEDED AT THE WARMING CENTER: The 2023 - 2024 season of the Sheboygan County Warming Center (WC) began on December 4th and will run into the early Spring of 2024. The WC provides a safe, warm place to sleep during our cold winter months. The WC also provides a hot, nutritious evening meal for the guests, as well as a light breakfast each morning. The WC has been providing this service in the community for the last seven years. Currently the WC operates from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am, seven days a week, in the lower church hall at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, 828 New Jersey Ave., Sheboygan. The WC guests and staff are very thankful for the financial and volunteer support from the local Catholic Parishes over the years, including St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes.

The greatest need currently for the WC is VOLUNTEERS to assist the staff and guests. Volunteers are needed on both shifts, seven days a week. The evening shift is from 6:30pm to 9 or 10pm. The morning shift is from 5am to 7:30am.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering at the Sheboygan County Warming Center. Scan the QR code below and create an account to volunteer. You will be joining many fellow parishioners in this much needed ministry in our community. God Bless you all! ~Mary Jo Widder



St. Anne Society Giving Tree Thank You!: Thank you very much for your amazing support of St. Anne's Giving Tree this Christmas season! Your generous donations will provide special blessings to the children and families served by Mary's Room in Sheboygan. Mary's Room was very appreciative of the many wonderful donations delivered for less fortunate families with young children in our community. Thank you again. We are truly blessed! "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full." Proverbs 19:17~Patty Langel, St. Anne's Society

"LIVING FAITH" KID'S EDITION BOOKLETS: There are January - March 2024 "Living Faith" Kid's Edition booklets available under the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.



CLC Calendar

January 2024



- January 5 -**County Women's Retreat**, 5:30-9:00 pm, Blessed Trinity Church, **Registration required.**
- January 6 -**County Women's Retreat**, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Lakeland University, **Registration required.**
- January 8 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- January 10 -Movie Matinee, *A Man Called Otto*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- January 11 -Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass until 10:00 am, CLC-MR
- January 11 -**Arthritis Presentation** with Janelle Teunissen, RN, 9:30-10:00 am refreshments, 10:00-11:00 am program, CLC-MR
- January 16 -Make Cards for Meals on Wheels Service Project, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- January 17 -Bishop Barron's *The Mass: A Privileged Encounter*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- January 18 -Tiny Saints Story Time, 10:00-10:45 am, SJE-Classrooms
- January 18 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- January 21 -Bishop Barron's *The Mass: A Privileged Encounter*, 10:00-10:45 am, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE Classroom#8
- January 22 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- January 23 -Decorate Bags for Meals on Wheels Service Project, 10:00-11:30 am, SJE-LLCR
- January 24 -Bishop Barron's *The Mass: Called Out of the World*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- January 30 -**Cell Phone Workshop**, 3:30-5:00 pm, CLC-MR/AR, Registration Required
- January 31 -Bishop Barron's *The Mass: God Speaks Our Story*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR

Upcoming Dates

- February 7 -**Hearing Presentation** by Dr. Kathleen Haasch, Audiologist, 1:00-2:00 pm, CLC-MR
- February 14, 21, 28 -Bishop Barron's *The Mass*, Lessons 4-6, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 20 -**Balancing Life and Work**, a Great Marriages Program, 6:00-7:00 pm, SJE-LLCR, **registration required.**
- March 15 -**7 Principles of Making Marriage Work**, a Great Marriages Program with dessert, 6:30-8:30 pm, CLC-MR, **registration required.**
- April 17 -**Reboot Featuring Chris Stefanick (Rescheduled)**, 7:00 pm, St. Dominic's Parish, Register at www.reallifecatholic.com

Register for events or call with questions – Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext 314. For Great Marriages Programs, register at (920) 783-6142 or www.great-marriages.org.

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 and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.



Dear Padre,

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life. ●

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY

January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

TUESDAY

January 9

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

January 10

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

January 11

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY

January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like a rising star (see Numbers 24:17), Jesus comes to enlighten all peoples and to brighten the nights of humanity. Today, with the Magi, let us lift our eyes to heaven and ask: "Where is the child who has been born?" (Matthew 2:2). Where can we find and encounter our Lord?

**HOMILY, ROME,
JANUARY 6, 2023**