

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JANUARY 14, 2024 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

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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 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42



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:

The Season of Ordinary Time began again on January 9. When we refer to this period as “ordinary”, we do not mean to call it plain, dull, or boring. Rather, “ordinary” refers to this time being ordered or structured. As such, the time between the Christmas season and the beginning of Lent should be a time that we can work on getting our spiritual lives in good shape through good habits of prayer, practice of the virtues, and fasting in some manner. In my article today, I will offer a few practical ways to make the most out of these weeks before Ash Wednesday.



Prayer. One simple and common way to add something to your prayer life, or to begin to pray regularly, is to begin the day with the Morning Offering. This short prayer is often said as soon as one wakes up. While you could make up your own prayer, a very standard prayer is this:

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

I have this prayer printed in an enormous font size (the prayer takes up an entire sheet of paper). That way, when I wake up in the morning, I can say this prayer without my glasses or too much effort. We often have to make practical adjustments so that we can make prayer a regular, daily habit of talking and listening to God. The Morning Offering could be a good way to start this habit.

Practice of virtue. In Ordinary Time, we can also continue to grow in virtue and turn away from vice. A traditional teaching on virtue and vices are included in listings of the “seven deadly sins”. The seven deadly sins or vices are listed on the left column below. Each of these is listed in the column on the right with an opposite virtue.

Pride	Humility
Envy	Mercy
Anger	Meekness
Avarice	Generosity
Lust	Chastity
Gluttony	Temperance
Sloth	Diligence

You are likely to recognize one of these vices as a predominant sin or temptation in your life. During Ordinary Time, a good goal would be to work on the opposite virtue in your life with practical steps and goals. A good resource to learn more about the virtues and the spiritual life in general is Dr Brant Pitre's “Introduction to the Spiritual Life”.

Fasting. In recent times, we tend to think that we should only fast or abstain from meat during Fridays in Lent, but this is not correct. It is still an expectation that Catholics abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year to remember and consider the Passion and Death of Jesus (see Code of Canon Law, n. 1251). It is also permitted to substitute ‘no meat’ for some other enjoyable food or activity, or to perform an extra act of service. By fasting or refraining from good things on a regular basis, we come to realize that God is really the giver of all good gifts.

On a practical note, I will be making my annual silent retreat this week – from January 15-20. Please pray for me – and know that I will be praying for you.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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 18

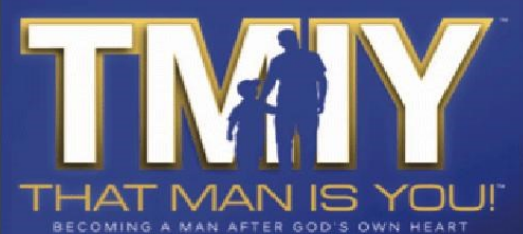
6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 am Mass


SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



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*



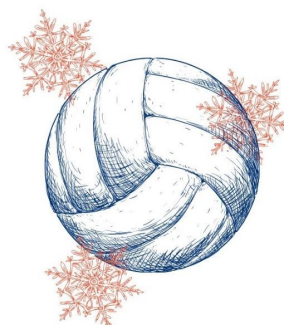
BORN TO ETERNAL

LIFE: Bernice Haack, lifelong Kohler resident, passed away January 4, 2024. A funeral Mass will be held at St. John's on **Wednesday, January 17** with visitation from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm with the Mass at 12:00 pm. Please keep Bernice and her family in your prayers.

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



Donations
Needed

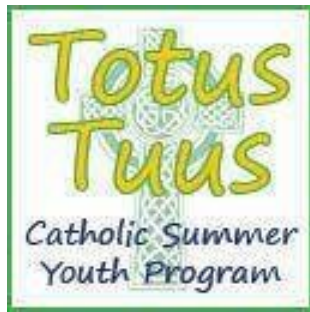
WINTERFEST DONATIONS:

We are looking for donations for the silent and bucket raffles, kids games, and wine pull for this year's Winterfest. If you would like

to donate, please either drop off the item(s) in the Parish Office during office hours or place them downstairs in the kitchen area. Please contact Shelly Cieszynski at 847-309-8178 with any questions.

Questions? Contact Jacqueline at jguilbeault@sjbplymouth.org

Hosted by Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation



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!

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



Sheboygan County Warming Center Volunteers

Please scan the QR box or go to:

www.signupgenius.com/go/scwcvolunteers

WINTERFEST

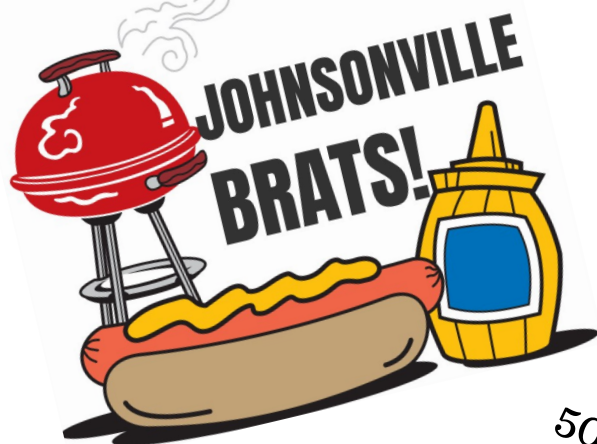
Saint John Evangelist Parish

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sunday, January 28, 2024



Silent Auctions! Bucket Raffles!
Instant Raffles throughout the
day!



Children's
Games (located
in the Religious
Education wing)

50/50 Raffle
And Wine Pull!



Volunteers Needed: Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B44A9A82BA0F85-46883314-winterfest#/> or contact the office to volunteer.

Catholic Life Center Bus Trip to Milwaukee

We had a wonderful time on our bus trip to Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and Basilica of St. Josaphat with tours by Fr. Schmeckel on December 28 and enjoyed lunch at the Milwaukee Public Market. Both churches were beautifully decorated for Christmas and have fascinating histories. ~Mary Waitkus, Co-Director of the Catholic Life Center



MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday Sunday Sunday	January 13 January 14 January 14	St. John's St. John's Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am	†Dick Schaetz by Michaletz Family Mass for Parishioners †Rosemary Manninen by Bob & Linda Guse, †Robert Koski by Ruth Pedroni †Kyle Wagner by Mom & Dad †Georgia & Jane Cleary †Ed Zingsheim by Family †Robert, Valeria, & Rocky Walsh by Walsh Siblings †Reilly & Kubiak Families by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	January 16 January 16 January 17 January 18	Blessed Trinity Blessed Trinity St. John's Blessed Trinity	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 am 9:00 am	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder, †Jamie Veldboom & Stacey Kelley by Ken Kelley †Bruecker & McGinnis Families by Bill McGinnis Mass for Parishioners
Friday	January 19	St. John's	7:00 am	
Saturday	January 20	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	
Sunday	January 21	St. John's	9:00 am	
Sunday	January 21	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity on Saturday, January 20 at 3:00 pm and St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, January 21 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 21

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Diane Hart Justin Spaeth
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Steve O'Neil Peter Guske
Sacristan	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Peggy Zimmerman

FINANCIAL: JANUARY 7, 2024:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,088.00

2023 Contributions: \$2,075.00



MT. MERU COFFEE – COST INCREASE

Despite the recent spikes in global coffee prices, Mt. Meru coffee farmers are struggling with inflation, skyrocketing production costs (fuel, transportation, milling), and crop loss due to the effects of climate change. The Mr. Meru Coffee Project Board has maintained the current price structure for our offerings of Mt. Meru coffee since 2011. They now find it necessary to increase the cost to consumers in an effort to offset some of the extra costs those farmers are experiencing.

Effective immediately, the price will increase from \$10 to \$12 per bag.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mt. Meru Coffee Project!!! Coffee is sold at St. John Evangelist Parish on the first and third Sunday of each month after the 9:00 am Masses. To date, there have been over \$14,000 in coffee sales at St. John's since 2011.

Thank you!!! ~John Egan, Social Justice Committee

Dear Padre,

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



FRESCO OF APOSTLE ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST BY PIETRO GAGLIARDI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JANUARY 17, 2021

MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51

Mk 3:1–6

THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19,
23–27

Mk 3:20–21

SUNDAY

January 21

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections and prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more. Available from Liguori Publications.



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