

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**JANUARY 16, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## 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**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 15	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Mildred Haen by Anna Slimmer
Saturday	January 15	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	January 16	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 16	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Rosemary Manniner by Bob & Linda Guse, In Thanksgiving for Helen & Warren Leider by Francoise Pietzner
Tuesday	January 18	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bill Heimerl by Judy Heimerl
Wednesday	January 19	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dennis Dohms by Ken & Lori Udovich
Thursday	January 20	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Linda & Chuck Hoeffner by Mike & Ann Scheibl
Friday	January 21	St. John's	7:00 am	†Darlene Dahm by David & Nancy Schleicher
Saturday	January 22	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Claude & Verdayne Meyer by Lynn Erbstoesser
Saturday	January 22	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Alma Helm by Steve & Sue Neumeyer
Sunday	January 23	St. John's	9:00 am	†Lyle & Rose McGinnis by Georgiana & Bill McGinnis
Sunday	January 23	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

Jesus Changes  
Water Into  
Wine



## FINANCIAL: JANUARY 8/9:

Collection: (contribution envelopes,  
electronic giving and loose offering):  
\$3,315.35

**2021 Year End Contributions: \$1,165.00**



**JANUARY WINE & HOSTS:** In  
Loving Memory of the Dohms &  
Kaboord Families by Dan & Diane  
Dohms

The water now  
become  
**WINE**  
... the first of  
his signs.

John 2:9, 11, ESV



## Five ways for parents to prepare children for First Holy Communion:



The focus of many hours every week from September to May for our Catechists who work with our younger children is on the Sacraments. Second grade is when most children celebrate First Reconciliation and First Eucharist/First Communion, and parents and children are involved in the preparation for both. We are often asked what parents should keep in mind as they guide their children toward the reception of these Sacraments and especially to prepare their children for First Communion. Here are five things we advise parents to do with their children and to begin doing the first four long before children enter Second grade.

### 1. **Go to Sunday Mass.**

We teach the children how beautiful, important, and special it is to receive Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. If receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is wonderful and special, then we want children to learn, by example that receiving the Eucharist every Sunday at Mass is important.

### 2. **Talk about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.**

The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is our belief that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Eucharist is not a symbol or a sign, but Jesus truly present. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds Catholics that Jesus' "presence is not momentary nor simply signified, but wholly and permanently real under each of the consecrated species of bread and wine."

### 3. **Receive Communion with reverence and practice receiving Holy Communion at home.**

The more they practice, the more comfortable children will be on the day of First Communion. Use a small cracker and have children extend their hands to receive the cracker from you. Tell children to watch during the Communion procession when they are at Mass or watch a live-streamed Mass with them. They will see some adults and children who are good examples and some who are not very good. The children can learn reverence from watching others.

### 4. **Praise and thank God for the great gift of the Eucharist/Communion.**

Not only on the day of First Eucharist/First Communion, but after every Communion, praise and thank God for this great gift of our Lord who is shared with us in the Eucharist.

### 5. **When planning First Eucharist/First Communion model reverence and focus on the Sacrament.**

This is an exciting time. There are special outfits. Often relatives and friends gather and there aren't presents and celebrations. It is important to remind children that all these things are being planned because they will be receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org); 920-452-9623

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered **SUNDAY, January 16** during the 9:00 am Mass. Children ages 4 and up will be invited to leave with an adult volunteer for the Liturgy of the Word. They will hear the Readings and their message in a way they can understand and will return to Church at the Offertory time. No pre-registration is required. At this time, masks are required.

To continue to provide Children's Liturgy of the Word for Children at St. John's, we need to have a team of approximately 5-6 volunteer leaders. Currently, we have very few adults who are able to serve in this capacity. If you are willing to be a Children's Liturgy of the Word leader on an occasional basis, usually every fifth or sixth week, please contact Jeanne Bitkers at [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or the parish office. Training will be provided.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Our Religious Education classes for 2022 began on January 5 with a Catholic trivia night! All of our students formed teams of various grades and proceeded to answer questions related to Popes, Sacraments, Mary, the rosary, CAGES and even ones on their Religious Education teachers and some Kohler trivia too! It was a fun and informative class, filled with lots of laughter and friendship! Please ask your students about this fun night-you may learn a few facts as well!! Our January 12 class centered on the living person of Jesus. More than anything this year, our goal is to introduce our students to an encounter with Christ and His Church! How blessed we are as Catholics, to have Jesus truly, substantially present in the Eucharist and all of the Sacraments, but also within each one of us!! Today's gospel from John 2:1-11 is the familiar story of Jesus' first public miracle, where he changes water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. This response to Mary's intercession of "do whatever He tells you" reveals Jesus' glory and that He is no ordinary rabbi! He has come as the promised Messiah for all of us! Why? Because He loves and cares about each of us and that He will be with us always! This is indeed "good news!" When we become mindful of what Jesus wants to do for each and every one of us, we find miracles all around us and so our deep desire for RE this year and beyond, is to fall in love with Jesus and for us to "do whatever He tells you!" Albert Einstein once said that "there are only two ways to live your life...one, as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though EVERYTHING is a miracle!" See you at the miracle of the Mass, where wine is changed into Jesus' blood!



~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, [teresab@btsje.org](mailto:teresab@btsje.org)

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Gabriel Frederick, son of Joshua and Michelle Perronne, was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, January 8. Please keep Gabriel and his family in your prayers.



**The Mission Society:** The Mission Society is in need of **medium blue and navy-blue yarn**. If you are willing to donate either of these, kindly put it in the Mission room in the lower level (room is located on the right after going down the stairs in the Religious Education wing) or call Lorrie Free (920 234-2424) to arrange a pickup time. Thank you. Also, everyone is welcome to join on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11:00 am**.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- The Religious Education Committee will meet on Monday, January 17 at 7:00 pm in Classroom #8.
- The Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 pm in the lower level conference room.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. John Evangelist at 3:00 pm on Saturday, January 15.





# CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER NEWS

## Health and Wellness

Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:00 am Catholic Life Center Meeting Room - Blessed Trinity



### **Managing Stress in Your Life, Part I** on January 25

Understanding what stress is and how it affects the body. Learn simple strategies to reduce stress.

### **Healthy Eating** on February 1

Discuss how to eat for energy and health with Nourish Farms of Sheboygan Falls.

**\*\*\*Please RSVP the Friday before each event to Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616 ext, 314.**

## **BISHOP BARRON'S THE MASS:** Returns and begins **January 19** from **10:00- 11:00 am**



at the Catholic Life Center at Blessed Trinity Parish. This is a six part series. Come for one or come for all. The first two chapters are:

I. A Privileged Encounter

II Called out of the World

Please contact Mary (ext. 314), or John (ext. 315) at the Blessed Trinity Parish office (920-467-4616 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELIST STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Thank you to all parishioners who provided thoughts and input during the strategic planning listening sessions over the past year. The parish strategic plan is completed, approved, and ready for action. Members of the Strategic Planning Committee will host four (4) upcoming meetings to share the plan, answer your questions, and discuss how parishioners can get involved. Parishioner meetings will be:

- Saturday, January 15 - 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 16 - 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, January 22 - 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 23 - 10:30 a.m.

Copies of the plan will be available in the Gathering Space beginning January 15th. The success of this plan requires the participation of all parishioners, and we look forward to answering your questions at one of these meetings. Please contact Julia Rodemeier ([julia.rodemeier@gmail.com](mailto:julia.rodemeier@gmail.com)), Tom Reilly ([treilly53044@gmail.com](mailto:treilly53044@gmail.com)), Lynn Miller ([kieso@hotmail.com](mailto:kieso@hotmail.com)), or Dave Madigan ([dogfamily66@gmail.com](mailto:dogfamily66@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**BLESSED TRINITY'S PASTA DINNER AND TRIVIA NIGHT:** Due to COVID, the Blessed Trinity Fundraising Committee has decided to postpone Blessed Trinity's Pasta Dinner & Trivia Night scheduled for Saturday, January 29. It is being rescheduled for Saturday, March 12. As the date gets closer more information will be available. Thank you for your understanding.

## WESTERN KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF APPEAL:



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Kentucky Tornado Relief Appeal. Through your generosity, we sent a check to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro for \$2,471.00 to help those who were impacted by the deadly tornados.

**LET'S TALK:** St. Anne Society's Wednesday morning coffee gatherings (Let's Talk!) has begun again on Wednesdays. Please join us as we get together for casual conversations, coffee, and friendship in the Church Hall at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

**When:** Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
Register on site: 1:00-1:30 p.m.  
Shooting competition will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Seton Catholic School, 814 Superior Ave, in Sheboygan

**Who:** Boys and Girls Ages 9 to 14

The contest is **FREE** for all participants.

Free gifts and prize drawing to win a regulation-sized basketball

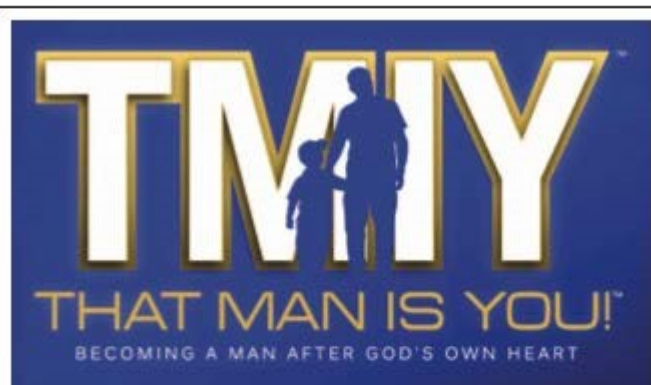
Participants will compete within their respective age groups for both boys and girls. Winners will advance to the district level.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age.

For additional information contact: Gary Reinholtz (920) 917-3676.



The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. More than 120,000 sharpshooters participate in over 3,600 local competitions.



## CATHOLIC MEN'S PROGRAM 'THE FIGHT OF FAITH'

13 week Winter/Spring program

***begins Saturday, January 22nd***

@ Blessed Trinity CLC from 7- 8:30AM.

*All men 18 and over are invited.*

***Program Information and  
Registrations are held after all  
masses BT/SJE on January 15/16.***

The Fight of Faith equips and enables men to engage in the spiritual battle raging in our day.

***contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112***

**BISHOP BARRON'S THE CREED:** Will be shown at St. John the Baptist (115 Plymouth Street, Plymouth) beginning on **Tuesday, January 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.** It will continue the next 5 Tuesdays. It is not necessary to attend all six sessions. Preregistration is encouraged. An optional \$25.00 book is available to help enhance the depth of understanding. For more information, please visit [sjbplymouth.org/thecreed](http://sjbplymouth.org/thecreed) or see the flyer on the table in the gathering space.

**LIFE IS MESSY:** The book, Life is Messy by Matthew Kelly, is part of the Dynamic Catholic Series. Books were handed out during the Christmas Masses. They will be available on the table in the Gathering Space through the end of January. If you would know of someone who may enjoy the book, please take them a copy.



# Dear Padre,

**I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?**

**I** imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)*



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,  
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

### Tuesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

### Wednesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,  
37, 40–51

Mk 3:1–6

### Thursday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

### Friday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,  
Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

### Saturday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for  
the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,  
19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

### Sunday

JANUARY 23

Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

1 Cor 12:12–30  
or 12:12–14, 27

Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21