

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**FEBRUARY 6, 2022 FIFTH 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	February 5	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†James Klopff by Family, †Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder
Saturday	February 5	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Sue Madigan
Sunday	February 6	St. John's	9:00 am	†Ruth LaCroix by Family
Sunday	February 6	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	February 8	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Leider by Judy Heimerl
Wednesday	February 9	St. John's	7:00 am	†Edna Schmeling by Family
Thursday	February 10	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Patricia Makoutz by Family
Friday	February 11	St. John's	7:00 am	†Jerry Sicotte by Dan & Mary Fischer Turvey
Friday	February 11	Prairie Crossing	9:30 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser
Saturday	February 12	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Ed Sabel & Jane Ornelas by Family, †George Hoff by Marlene Hoff
Saturday	February 12	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	February 13	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 13	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Nora Salata by Tim & Cathy George, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher

**“Go away from me, Lord,  
for I am a sinful man!”**

Luke 5:8, NRSV



**PARISH SOCIAL:** There will be a Parish Social **THIS Sunday, February 6** immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. Please stop by for a sweet treat and coffee. The social is hosted by the Catholic Life Center.

**BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS:** We will be collecting old palms beginning this weekend until Sunday, February 20th. Place them in the basket on the table in the Gathering Space. It is important to remember that because the palms have been blessed, they are now considered to be sacramentals in the eyes of the Church and should be disposed of reverently. We will burn them for ashes for Ash Wednesday.



## Our Parish Catechists - Religious Educators of our Children

Catechists work hard. They share their faith and knowledge, and they give up personal time to plan lessons, be at class, and pray for their students. They echo the faith to our children, young people, and adults. These women and men generously give of their time and their talent to instruct their students in the faith. Teaching the faith is to hand on the truths of what we believe according to the age level of the student so that it is understood and touches the life of the one who has received it. A Catechist is a witness to that faith.

The ministry of a Catechist requires study, patience, prayer, preparation, witness and a serious commitment of time and talent. The work of each Catechist is to assist Parents to help their children:

- come to know our triune God,
- encounter Jesus,
- understand the Scripture stories and the Bible itself,
- appreciate the rich history and traditions of our Catholic Faith,

While this is difficult achieve, it is vitally important. Each Catechist faithfully instructs and attempts to form and inspire his or her students according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. It is a sacred ministry and essential for the life and the future of our Church.

Recognizing the need for our Catechists and all who are involved in the Religious Education of children and youth to become more deeply rooted in a relationship with God and in the vocation of teaching and living the Gospel, a Countywide Retreat was planned by the Directors of Religious Education in Sheboygan County and three Notre Dame University Student Apprentices serving in several of the local parishes. Catechists from the ten parishes in the County and others were invited to step away from the busyness of their lives and into a morning filled with prayer, listening, learning, building community, and renewing the Spirit.

Pictured below are Catechists from our St. John Evangelist Parish and others who attended the Retreat that was held this past Saturday at St. John the Baptist Parish in Plymouth. The morning began with Mass and the hours that followed were filled with opportunities to learn and grow as Religious Educators who have taken on the role of leaders and teachers of children or youth in need of the Lord's love in their lives. It was a time to be together, to celebrate, to give thanks, to count our blessings, and to renew the commitment to serve God and to care for/teach God's children in the best way possible.



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

### PLANNING FOR PARISH CHILD CARE - SUNDAY 9:00

**AM MASS:** Are you interested in planning and helping to reinstitute Child Care for children 0-3 during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass here at St. John Evangelist Parish? If your answer is, "yes", please come to a Planning Meeting on Monday, February 21st at 6:00 PM in Room 8 in the Religious Education Wing. For more information or If you would like to help but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Jeanne Bitkers Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org)

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at Blessed Trinity at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 12.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

This week in the 7-12 grade Religious Education at St. John Evangelist, we had our class on Wednesday, February 2 at Blessed Trinity so we could attend a "mini retreat" given by NET ministries out of Minnesota. It was a good collaboration with our fellow Catholics in Sheboygan Falls and a great opportunity for all of our students to hear and witness other young people give their time and love of Jesus and His church to all of us! Speaking of retreats, on Saturday, January 29 a group of St. John Evangelist catechists met for a morning retreat at St. John the Baptist in Plymouth with other catechists from around Sheboygan County. We began with Mass and had a morning of fellowship and active learning that included tips and best practices of how to bring Christ into our classrooms! Thanks to ALL of our dedicated volunteers who give their time and talents to inspire and impart our faith to our Religious Education students! Lots of great stuff happening here at St. John Evangelist, so thanks and come, Holy Spirit!! Another event that happened today after the 9:00 am Mass is our church social, followed by a church tour. In Catholic theology, there are three properties of God, known as "transcendentals", Latin meaning "to exceed." These arose from medieval scholasticism and are commonly considered to be truth, goodness and beauty. As Catholics, we are blessed because for us, truth is a somebody, not a something....Jesus! (John 14:6, where Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life.") St. Paul in 2Cor9:8 reminds us that "God is good all the time. All the time, God is good." There are Bible verses about the beauty of God, but many saints, like St. Thomas Aquinas, St. John Paul II and St. Francis of Assisi assert that God is beauty itself, so another name for God IS beauty!! Of course, people may disagree on what is true or what is good, but most everyone can always agree on beauty! Look at a gorgeous sunset or snow-capped mountains. Smell a colorful bouquet of magnificent flowers. Hold a sweet, little baby and see it smile and you will encounter beauty/God! How blessed we are to have such a "beauty-full" church to worship in here at St. John Evangelist! Indeed, sacred architecture and the religious objects in them help us glorify God and lift our hearts and minds to Him, who is true and good and beautiful!! See you at Mass!

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



**CHURCH TOUR:** Please join us in the Narthex after 9:00 am Mass **THIS Sunday, February 6** for a church tour of St John Evangelist! One of the first ways that we encounter Christ is through beauty and so please spend some extra time after Mass to learn more about the beauty of St. John's! Everyone is welcome! We hope you can stay and learn and enJOY!! Sponsored by 7-12 grade Religious Education students with tour given by Teresa Bettag. Please contact Teresa if you have any questions at [teresab@btsje.org](mailto:teresab@btsje.org). Hope to see you all there!



## FINANCIAL: FEBRUARY 29/30:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,821.30.



**CATECHISTS:** The We are always in need of Substitute Catechists, full time Catechists and other Program Assistants. If you are willing to serve or if you would like to know more about ways to share your time and talent in our Religious Education Program please contact Jeanne Bitkers ([Jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:Jeanne@btsje.org)) or call the parish office at 920-452-9623.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **THIS Sunday, February 6**. Please do not bring any paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins or pasta and pasta sauce. Donations will be delivered to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, February 7 by 9:30 am** by Sheryl Dyksterhouse.

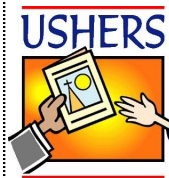




## LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF FEBRUARY 5/6 & 12/13

MASSES	Saturday, February 5, 5:30 pm	Sunday, February 6, 9:00 am	Saturday, February 12, 5:30 pm	Sunday, February 13, 9:00 am
Lector	Cate Smith	Melanie Pellegrino	Susan Vavra	Anthony or Holly Justinger
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Mel Free		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Volunteer Volunteer	John Debrauske Jim Sarafin	Mel Free Kevin Smith	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi

### URGENT NEED USHERS!:



**URGENT** need a few more Ushers for the Saturday Mass. Openings are on the first and fourth Saturdays of the month and we need two ushers for the fifth Saturday (which only happens a few times a year.) Training is provided. If you are interested, please contact Aaron Justinger at [amj91@att.net](mailto:amj91@att.net) or the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 or [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org). Thank you to all the ushers who have and continue to serve.



### 2022 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

**APPEAL:** The 2022 Catholic Stewardship Appeal kicks off this weekend February 5/6. A video featuring Archbishop ListECKi explaining the importance of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal will be shown. St. John Evangelist Parish goal is \$35,190.00. This is the same as the 2021 goal. Thank you to all who donated last year. We are hoping to meet or exceed our CSA goal once again.



**AFTERNOON/EVENING AT THE MOVIES:** The Catholic Life Center will be showing the film, "The Lost Valentine", on **Wednesday, February 9** from **1:30 to 4:00 pm** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity and **Thursday, February 10** from **6:30 to 9:00 pm** in the lower-level conference room at St. John's. Everyone is welcome.



**FRESH MEALS ON WHEELS "SOUP ON WHEELS":** Choose from an assortment of soups made in the kitchens of Destination Kohler, Johnsonville, Sargento, and Fresh Meals On Wheels. Each quart of soup comes with a freshly made dinner salad, rolls and homemade desserts for two. Order your soups by **February 25**. Upon checkout simply select the time on **Friday, March 11**, when you would like to pick up your order. Then, at your designated time, drive up to Fresh Meals On Wheels, display the name on your order, and someone will bring your soup to your car. Your purchase will help put nourishing food in the homes of your senior and homebound Sheboygan County neighbors. Thank you for your support – enjoy your dinner! Visit [freshmealsonwheels.org](http://freshmealsonwheels.org) to order.



# Blessed Trinity Parish



## Trivia Night with Pasta Dinner



**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

**319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls in Church Hall**

- Come early for a Pasta Dinner served from 5:30-6:30 PM in our newly renovated Church Hall, then stay for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Or just come for Trivia Night starting at 7:00 PM
- Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams
- Gift basket awarded to the best team table decorations
- Soda, Beer, and Wine available at Cash Bar throughout evening
- Grab your friends, decorate your table, and test your trivia knowledge!
- There is no minimum age limit to play (for example, a group of high schoolers could form a team)
- Don't have a team? No problem, we can put you on one!

**Dinner Ticket \$10/person**

**Trivia Player Ticket \$10/person**

**Tickets available beginning February 5/6  
after the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office  
(115 Summer Street, Mon-Fri 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM)**

All pre-determined teams (from 2 to 8 people)  
should buy their tickets as a group.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP

**SOCAL:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting their first ever Soup Social on **Saturday, February 19** after the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish. Everyone is invited to this event. Join us for delicious soups that will be made by Blessed Trinity's Knights' and wives. Following the meal, you are invited to stay for various games to make it a true social event. Free-will offerings will be accepted. Money raised goes into our Chapter's local charity account. Thank you for your support.

"From now  
on you will



be catching  
people."

**LUKE 5:10, NRSV**

## HOLY TRINITY PARISH 21st ANNUAL PERCH FRY:



### FISH FRY

Holy Trinity Parish (11928 Marken Road, School Hill) will be hosting their 21st annual perch fry on **Friday, February 18**. Carry outs will be available from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm then from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Dine in is available from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. There will also be grilled cheese plates available as well as assorted homemade tortes. Please call 920-773-2380 for carry outs. A flyer is on the bulletin board with more information.

**BISHOP BARRON'S THE CREED:** Will be shown at St. John the Baptist (115 Plymouth Street, Plymouth) This series began on Tuesday, January 18 and is every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and continuing on 2/15/22, 3/1/22, 3/15/22, and 3/29/22. It is not necessary to attend all six sessions. Preregistration is encouraged. For more information, please visit [sjbplymouth.org/thecreed](http://sjbplymouth.org/thecreed) or see the flyer on the table in the gathering space.

**Archbishop's Catholic Schools Dinner:** Please join the Archbishop on, **Thursday, March 10**, at the Hyatt Regency, 333 West Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee. Cocktail reception begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Funds from the dinner directly benefit the program Grant Initiatives for Today's Students. To register for the event please visit: [archmil.regfox.com/schoolsdinner2022](http://archmil.regfox.com/schoolsdinner2022). For more information contact Paige Rohr, Associate Director, Catholic Schools Development at 414-769-3451 or [rohrp@archmil.org](mailto:rohrp@archmil.org).



# Dear Padre,

## I heard some people talking about the coming of the Antichrist. Who or what is this Antichrist?

**S**ome Christian sects believe there will come a point when the faithful of their church will be taken off the earth and whisked into heaven. This is usually referred to as “the rapture.” After this event, they believe the Antichrist will come. This Antichrist is an individual man who will incarnate in himself the power of Satan. He will deceive even the holiest person and will rule the entire world. It is believed that Jesus will then return and defeat this Antichrist in the ultimate battle between good and evil. The appearance of the Antichrist supposedly coincides with the end of time.

Most of the material that would support this scenario is found in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Here the devil tries to stop Christ’s victory and to convince people that Christ is not the master. This chapter of Revelation deals with the conflict in the Roman Empire between the emperor Nero and the faithful Christians. Nero, the evil one, is assigned the number 666 so Christians could refer to him without openly attacking him. This section of the book was written to give hope to persecuted Christians.

Instead of worrying about the end of time, an Antichrist, a final battle, and “evil” numbers, Catholics are encouraged to believe that Christ has already conquered sin, death, and Satan. God’s reign is already here in our midst (see Luke 17:20–21). Our task is to prepare for our own moment of dying and meeting the Lord. We leave the rest to God’s providence!



ROMAN EMPEROR NERO, LEFT FROM “HISTORY OF THE CHURCH” AROUND 1880 / SERGEY KOHL / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We can make many pastoral plans, conceive of new methods for drawing people close, but if we don't take the path of God who has come in the flesh...then we are not on the path of the good spirit. [Instead, what prevails] is the Antichrist, worldliness, the spirit of the world.*

MORNING MEDITATION, JANUARY 7, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13

Mk 6:53–56

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30

Mk 7:1–13

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1–10

Mk 7:14–23

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4–13

Mk 7:24–30

### Friday

FEBRUARY 11

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19

Mk 7:31–37

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 12:26–32;

13:33–34

Mk 8:1–10

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 13

Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5–8

1 Cor 15:12, 16–20

Lk 6:17, 20–26

**Do you have  
a question for  
the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)  
to send your question  
and to learn more about  
Dear Padre.