

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



FEBRUARY 20, 2022 SEVENTH 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 19	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan By Regan Family
Saturday	February 19	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerald Simon by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Sunday	February 20	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for Abram Krauss by McGinnis Family
Sunday	February 20	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	February 22	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for St. Vincent de Paul by Blessed Trinity's Urban Conference
Wednesday	February 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†Gerald & Bernice Simon by Carl & Kathy Nonhof
Thursday	February 24	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†John O'Neill & Sharon O'Neill by Jim & Heidi O'Neill
Friday	February 25	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ted & Phyllis Biskup
Saturday	February 26	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Lucille Micoliczky
Saturday	February 26	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertz by Family
Sunday	February 27	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 27	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Kitty Lynne Klich by Family, †Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 19.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday,**



March 2. There will be Mass at St. John Evangelist at **6:45 am** and **5:15 pm.** There will also be Mass at Blessed Trinity at **6:30 pm.** Attending Ash Wednesday Mass is a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey.

Preparing for Lent: Healthy Bodies Healthy Souls

During these past two years we have spent so much time thinking about health-related/pandemic issues and working to keep ourselves, our families, friends and so many others from becoming seriously ill, but science and even our own experiences are teaching us that this also works the other way around — what is good for us spiritually is also good for our physical and emotional health. Four key aspects of our faith — **prayer, community, ritual and charity** — have been shown to have positive effects that extend beyond the spiritual.



Prayer: Research says that prayer, especially meditative prayer, relaxes the body and helps to prevent disease. One study from Duke University included more than 4,000 people and showed that brain activity during this type of prayer (such as Mass, Adoration time, the Rosary, lectio divina) becomes more evenly regulated, and the centers of the brain responsible for pleasure and relaxation become activated.

Community: Having the social support that comes with a sense of community helps to buffer our experience of stress. Social support seems to help to decrease the risk of high blood pressure and disease, and also can help prevent depression and other emotional problems. There are even some research studies that have shown that individuals who attend Mass regularly have healthier immune systems, and shorter hospital stays.

Ritual: Our Catholic faith is rich with ritual, including Mass and the Sacraments as well as prayers, blessings and religious holidays. Rituals help us feel connected to something larger than ourselves and help us bond with one another to find meaning in our lives. Research shows that families that have rituals they celebrate together are emotionally healthier and communicate better and that children in these families tend to have a more positive self-image and a stronger sense of identity.

Charity: Charity toward others is also an important part of our Catholic faith. A recent study showed that older adults engaged in volunteer service were more likely to have stable positive feelings and less likely to experience negative feelings. Young people who volunteer have been shown to have more positive aspirations for the future and are more motivated in school. In addition, people who volunteer their time tend to live longer and have better immune systems than those who do not help others.

In his writings on the Theology of the Body, Pope John Paul II describes the human being as a "unity" of body, mind, and spirit. You can't do something with your body without also involving your soul. As you begin to consider how you will Journey through Lent this year, you might give some thought to including prayer, ritual, community, and charity in your plans, and choosing something specific from each category. With this done you've begun to get ready for the beginning of the Lenten Season and for a grace-filled journey to Easter.

Adapted from: White, Joseph D. Our Sunday Visitor. Teachingcatholickids.com (website), " Why Catholicism is good for your health".

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, jeanne@btsje.org; 920-452-9623

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: If you ever thought of volunteering with children and have not taken the Safe Environment class, now is a perfect time. The Archdiocese is offering both in person and virtual classes. It will only take a few hours of your time. Even if you are not ready to volunteer now, it is good to complete this class. The link is included here: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm> and there will be more information on the program in next weekend's bulletin. Any questions? Please call the parish office at 920-452-9623 or email stjohnnev@btsje.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Our Religious Education classes continue to meet on Wednesday evenings and between all of our amazing students and dedicated catechists, we are truly blessed to journey together as we grow in the faith, peace and love of Jesus and His Church. Thanks to everyone who helps, supports and prays for our youth. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Thanks.



I recently came across an interesting article by Sr. Mary Casey O'Connor, SV, a Sister of Life from New York, which seems relevant with what is happening in our world...it was titled "Making space for Peace." In it, she recognizes that we all spend a great deal of "time, energy, creativity and money seeking to possess and maintain peace in our lives." We long for order, tranquility and unity and yet peace seems to be elusive and unattainable. She reminds us that Jesus promises us peace (Jn. 14:27) and that peace is a gift, given to us by Jesus himself. Therefore, "peace is a person, namely Jesus Christ! His very presence is the peace we seek. We need to search no longer; we have been found by the One we long to find. Do we trust Him enough to invite Him in? He is a presence in search of a space-a space that we must actually give Him. Though we cannot create peace, we can create space: a space for Him to come and dwell in and with us. True peace comes when we give God permission to live in us, act in us, and lead us. A sure recipe for peace is more of Him and less of us. Peace is a person that seeks a home. Dare to welcome Him in." With Lent just around the corner, ponder that the Prince of Peace who just came at Christmas, is looking to dwell with us and within us! See you at Mass, where we offer one another "peace be with you."

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsje.org

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASH WEDNESDAY CLASS INFORMATION:



Take Note!

On **Wednesday, March 2, ALL** students 4K - Grade 11 will meet at **4:00 pm** for class. Students in Grades 7 - 11 will assemble in the church

hall and learn about Ash Wednesday and Lent. Students in 4K - Grade 6 will meet as usual. All students are then encourage to join the rest of their family and attend the **5:15 pm** Mass at St. John's. **There will be NO CLASS for Grades 7 - 11 that day from 6:45 - 8:00 pm.** This is a wonderful way to kick off the Lenten season as a family. If your Grade 7 - 11 child cannot attend class, please contact Teresa Bettag at teresab@btsje.org.

FOOD PANTRY: Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, March 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, March 7 by 9:30 am** by Mel & Lorrie Free.



FINANCIAL: FEBRUARY 12/13:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,385.25.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Members of the Strategic Planning Committee will be speaking after Communion at the Masses the weekend of **February 26/27.** Members of the Pastoral Council will then be in the back of church after the Masses to answer questions and to help anyone who is interested sign up. There will be another sign up opportunity after Masses the weekend of **March 5/6.** Copies of the plan are available on our website stjohnkohler.org and the table in the Gathering Space.

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF FEBRUARY 19/20 & 26/27

MASSES	Saturday, February 19, 5:30 pm	Sunday, February 20, 9:00 am	Saturday, February 26, 5:30 pm	Sunday, February 27, 9:00 am
Lector	Beth Zadalis	Anthony or Holly Justinger	Angela Bustos	Charlotte Bullard
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey		Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Chris Stock
Sacristan	Nick Cinquepalmi	Julia Rodemeier	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier & Steve O'Neill

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ♦ Child Care at 9:00
Mass Planning Meeting on **Monday, February 21** at **6:00 pm** in Classroom #7 in the Religious Education Wing.
- ♦ Religious Education Meeting on **Monday, February 21** at **7:00 pm** in Classroom #7 in the Religious Education wing.
- ♦ Social Justice/Human Concerns Committee on **Tuesday, February 22** at **4:30 pm** in Classroom #7 in the Religious Education wing.
- ♦ Spiritual Life & Worship Committee on **Wednesday, February 23** at **3:00 pm** at the lower-level conference room.



Upcoming Meetings

Save the date!

February 23, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Let's Talk!

Our Wednesday coffee get-together welcomes parishioner, Susan Vavra, Secular Franciscan Order, as guest speaker.

We hope everyone
will join us - bring a friend!



Torke coffee and
special refreshments
will be served.

Location: Church Hall
(Lower Level)
St. Anne Society

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, 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 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 1st and 2nd 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.

BISHOP BARRON'S THE CREED: Will be shown at St. John the Baptist (115 Plymouth Street, Plymouth) This series is every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and continues on 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 or see the flyer on the table in the gathering space.

*Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.*
LUKE 6:36

CHOIR:

Practice: **MONDAY**, February 21 at 6:30 pm.

Sing: Sunday, February 27 at 9:00 am.

8TH ANNUAL IN MARY'S FOOTSTEPS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Receive Mercy, Find Grace"

Saturday, March 12

8 AM-5 PM

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Chilton



8th Annual Women's Conference

Receive Mercy & Find Grace

Dr. Edward Sri, Theologian, author & well-known Catholic speaker who appears on EWTN.

Sr. Mercy Marie SV, Sisters of Life, Catholic religious community of women consecrated for the protection of human life

Mother Mary Catherine, Foundress, Missionaries of the Word

Rose Sullivan, Executive Director – National Conference for Diocesan Vocation Directors

Bishop David Ricken, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay

The goal of In Mary's Footsteps Women's Conference is for women of all ages – to know Mary so as to draw closer to her son, Jesus, and in doing so to inspire and rise up holy women of God who wish to live out their vocational call as Daughters of God and to serve within their state in life where God is calling each of them. Registrations: February 1-March 7: Adults: \$50; Students: \$15. Registration closes on March 7. To register, please click the following link: <https://inmarysfootsteps2022.eventbrite.com>.



KPAL (KOHLER POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE) BRAT FRY: Will take place on **THIS Sunday, February 20** at a new location **Village 170** (170 Rangeline Road, Sheboygan Falls). Brats, burgers and chicken sandwiches will be available from **11:30 am** until **6:00 pm**. There will also be raffles all day at the event. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are good for \$5.00 in trade. Each ticket will be entered for a chance to win a door prize. Carry outs are available.

Dear Padre,

Previously you wrote that the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should remain faithful to that bond. Is there another reason to remain in the Catholic Church?

The Church is also the body of Christ. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left his disciples with the mission he had received from the Father: instruct everyone in Jesus' teachings and baptize them into his divine life (Matthew 28:19–20). Through the Church, Jesus would remain present in the world.

Some take offense because the Church claims the authority of Jesus himself to teach. It teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman, that

contraception and abortion are immoral, that capital punishment is a sin. Jesus himself may not have expressly addressed these issues, but he said to his apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). And to Peter he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

It's true that since the time of the apostles some members, and even Church leaders, have caused scandal. The Lord asks that they, like Peter, repent and live a life of obedience and service to the Lord. That's why it's important that we examine

our own actions. Someone who abandons the Church due to scandals within its ranks should realize that encouraging others to abandon the bride of Christ and the body of Christ is a scandalous act itself.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment, or simply drafting a new Apostolic Constitution....It cannot be a matter of putting a patch here or there, for the Church is not just an item of Christ's clothing, but rather his body.

ADDRESS TO THE ROMAN CURIA, DECEMBER 21, 2020

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Jas 3:13–18

Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Jas 4:13–17

Mk 9:38–40

Thursday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 5:1–6

Mk 9:41–50

Friday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 5:9–12

Mk 10:1–12

Saturday

FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

Jas 5:13–20

Mk 10:13–16

Sunday

FEBRUARY 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4–7

1 Cor 15:54–58

Lk 6:39–45

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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