

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 6, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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Kohler WI 53044

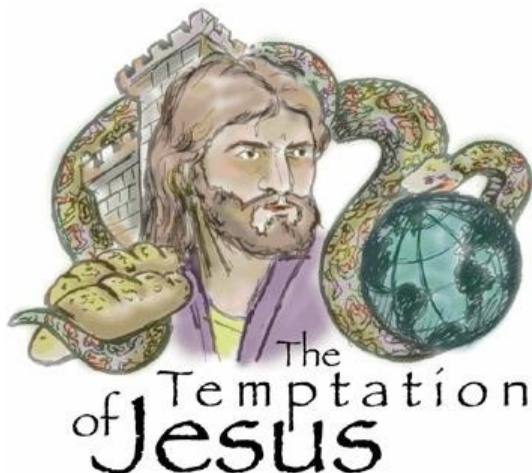
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Please contact the Parish Office to:

1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
4. Any other questions or concerns

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 5	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Russell McCoy by Evonne, †Claude & Verdayne Meyer by Lynn Erbstoesser
Saturday	March 5	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	March 6	St. John's	9:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy and Family
Sunday	March 6	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	March 8	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Lucille Micoliczky
Wednesday	March 9	St. John's	7:00 am	Special Intention for Faye Rogers by Kissel Family
Thursday	March 10	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Clara Weyker by Jim & Lisa Reiter
Friday	March 11	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dennis Dohms by Chuck & Myrna Frederickson
Friday	March 11	Prairie Crossing	9:30 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser by Her Children
Friday	March 11	Blessed Trinity	1:30 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Friday	March 11	St. John's	5:15 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Saturday	March 12	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Tom Gilsdorf by Family
Saturday	March 12	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Klein Family by Dick & Rick Klein
Sunday	March 13	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 13	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Nora Salata by David & Nancy Schleicher, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher



FINANCIAL: FEBRUARY 26/27:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,474.00.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

Getting Ready for Lent 2022: Pray, Fast, Give:



Charitable giving, traditionally called “almsgiving” is a very ancient practice that happened long before the time of Jesus. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real Christian giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need.

Here are some ways to practice GIVING this Lent:

- ✦ Make a giving jar. Compile a list of small acts of giving to do throughout the day. After each act of kindness deposit a coin in a “giving jar”. On Good Friday, count the coins and give them to the poor; on Easter Sunday, fill the jar with candy (one piece for each coin) and enjoy.
- ✦ Put a box or a container in your kitchen and add an item each day. At the end of Lent or when it is filled, take the items to a nearby Food Pantry or bring the food with you on the weekend when you come to Mass and drop it off in the Gathering Space (front entrance) of Church.
- ✦ Perform a random act of kindness every day. Doing it secretly makes it more fun.
- ✦ Share. Donate money saved from sacrifices (for example, giving up unhealthy snacks) and give it to a worthy cause like the St John/Blessed Trinity Lenten Project.
- ✦ Tutor a child, help a classmate in school or spend some time with a sibling or grandparent who appreciates your attention.
- ✦ Learn and take responsibility for a new chore. Even little children can participate in giving by learning a new chore, especially if the chore is a simple adult task that makes them feel more grown up.
- ✦ Take time to find some clothes and toys that can be given to families that need it the most and deliver them to the St. Vincent de Paul Donation Center or other locations in the area that accept donations of this kind.
- ✦ Do something every day to care for God's creation: avoiding waste, cutting back on energy use, or helping wildlife.

In our small acts of giving, we strive to imitate Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross so that we might have eternal life. Whether it is giving alms or other acts of penance, we can use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter with renewed minds and hearts.

Adapted from: Windley-Daoust, Jennifer. “Fasting, giving, praying: 25+ ideas for what we can do for Lent”. Loyola Press, 2021.

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

“THIS IS HOME”: The Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s **Catholic Herald** is **providing** a **free** seven week **LENTEN AT HOME PROGRAM** for Families of children age 10 and under, beginning this week of Ash Wednesday. Visit www.archmil.org/This-is-Home to sign up for the emails that will include a reflection on the upcoming Sunday Scripture, questions for a parent-led discussion and an activity that is designed for the family to do together at home.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:



Eileen Wenberg passed away on Tuesday, March 2. A private family service will be held. Please keep her and her family, Rob & Patty Wenberg in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:



Every year on the First Sunday of Lent, the universal Catholic Church reads the Gospel on Satan's temptations of Jesus after he spends 40 days in the desert praying, fasting and preparing for His public ministry. In Judaism, numbers have meaning and so the number 40 signifies "testing or trial." Recall the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites; the 40 days of Noah and the flood; the 40 hours that Jesus was in the tomb...so our 40 days of Lent has a rich Biblical history and meaning!

Now we go into OUR Lenten desert to confront our own demons of sinfulness and excuses, but the Church gives us powerful tools to discover what really matters and whom we serve. Is it God or is it food, power or money? What are these tools? Fasting is truly an exercise in freedom, as we detach ourselves from that which has a hold on us, whether it be food, electronics, gossip, busyness, etc.

Prayer is necessary in our relationship with God and others and so if we are too busy to pray or attend Sunday Mass, we are flat out too busy!

Works of charity/almsgiving allow us to recognize that all of our gifts are from God and so I can become more generous with my time, talents and treasures since God has been so good to me.

At our Ash Wednesday Religious Education class before Mass, our 7-11 students learned about the JOY of a happy Lent (ask your students about this), as we die to self so we can rise with Him on Easter Sunday! We welcome these 40 days of Lent as an opportunity to break habits of vice and replace them with habits of virtue. Bishop Robert Barron says that this centering on Jesus and others and then ourselves creates a "loop of grace" where we get back much more than we give. So, let's "re-lent" this Lent! See you at Mass

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

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:



Training will take place immediately following the 9:00 Mass on **Sunday, March 13 and March 20**. All children in Grades 4 and over who

have been Baptized and have received First Eucharist/Communion are welcome to become Altar Servers. Please meet in the front of church. Any questions? Please contact the parish office at stjohnnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623. After training, a schedule will be provided. At this time, there will only be Altar Servers at the Sunday Mass,



FR. JOE: Fr. Joe will be leaving St. John Evangelist Parish as Parish Administrator in June. In keeping with Catholic

Church procedures, the next pastor/parish director will be assigned to our parish by the local bishop. Prior to that assignment by the bishop, a process occurs which includes prayerful discernment and consultation with the Priest Placement Board. We ask God's blessings for Fr. Joe and for the community of St. John Evangelist Parish during this time of transition. More details on the leadership selection process will be forthcoming.



AID TO UKRAINE: **THIS WEEKEND, March 5/6** we will be taking up a special second collection for the victims in the Ukraine. This money will then be sent to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee then to the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). The USCCB is uniquely positioned to offer direct aid with its 30 year relationship with fellow bishops in that part of the world. If writing a check, please make it out to St. John's and put "Ukraine" in the memo line. If you are unable to donate this weekend, we will continue to collect through next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

REVELATION 2:4: "Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first. "

LENTEN MATERIALS

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS will be available in the pews this weekend. Large print copies are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT will be available on the table in the Gathering Space. There will also be a limited number of copies available in Spanish also on the table.

LENTEN CALENDARS are available for you to take home on the table in the Gathering Space.

Catholic Life Center Mother's Day Service Project:



Help us collect small gifts to assemble 30 gift bags for mothers at Mary's Room. We are in need of small gift bags, tissue paper, candy, socks, decorative pens, small toiletries, etc. to help brighten a Mother's Day. Please deliver new, unused items to the CLC, or place in the bin in the Gathering Space by **Sunday, April 10**. We will assemble the bags at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 19 in the CLC-MR. Please call Mary at 467-4616, ext. 314 with any questions.

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 3/15/22 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Takes place on Fridays during Lent at 5:15 pm.

Friday, March 11: Steve O'Neil

Friday, March 19: Teresa Bettag & Confirmation students.

LENTEN SERIES: Fr. Bob Lotz will guide you through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus in this three-week series that begins Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Please RSVP by Monday, March 7 to Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616.

THE MEN OF TMIY
ST. JOHN EVANGELIST KOHLER &
BLESSED TRINITY SHEBOYGAN FALLS
PRESENT:

REAWAKENING THE CATHOLIC MAN

16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2022
A LIVE/VIRTUAL EVENT IN PARISHES ACROSS WISCONSIN

START WITH CHRIST

We begin with Confession, 7am, Rosary 7:30, followed by Mass 8am

BRING YOUR SONS

Build a special bond to make a strong family

WIVES & DAUGHTERS

Support your men at Mass and Adoration

COURAGEOUS PRIESTS

Confessions before & after Mass



Dr. Peter Kreeft is a professor of philosophy at Boston College and the CEO of Best Version Media. A convert to Roman Catholicism, he is the author of more than 80 books on Christian philosophy, theology and apologetics.



Kevin O'Brien is the President of North America Publications and the CEO of Best Version Media. Kevin played pro football from 1993 to 1996 when he began searching for God and rediscovered his Catholic faith.



Fr. Cajetan Cuddy, O.P. teaches systematic and moral theology in Washington, D.C. He has written for numerous publications on philosophy, theology and spirituality, and is completing a doctorate in Sacred Theology.



Fr. Burke Masters was ordained in 2002 and spent four years at St. Mary's in West Chicago. He served as Vocations Director for the Diocese of Joliet, and has served as the Catholic chaplain for the Chicago Cubs since 2013.



Archbishop Jerome Listeck is the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He studied Canon Law and Moral Theology at the Pontifical University in Rome, and is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves.



Fr. Zach Weber Celebrant: This is his 1st Mass at home of his Baptism. Currently Chaplain at UW Oshkosh

BLESSED TRINITY, SHEBOYGAN FALLS

319 Giddings Ave, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Families are welcome for Rosary, Mass & Adoration!

SCHEDULE:

• EARLY CONFESSION 7-7:45AM • ROSARY 7:30 • MASS 8AM
• ADORATION 8:45-NOON • CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS
• COFFEE/BREAKS 8:55-9:10 & APPROX 10AM

MEN'S TALKS LIVE STREAM ALL MORNING 9:10-NOON

BENEDICTION 12PM & FELLOWSHIP/LITE LUNCH at 12:15

contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112 • hgbasetballcoach@gmail.com

MEN: Register at:
menofchrist.net

**MEN OF
CHRIST**
LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF MARCH 5/6 & MARCH 12/13

MASSES	Saturday, March 5, 5:30 pm	Sunday, March 6, 9:00 am	Saturday, March 12, 5:30 pm	Sunday, March 13, 9:00 am
Lector	Cate Smith	Abbagail Bishop	Susan Vavra	Erin Meyer
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Mel Free		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Randy Miller Bill Moffett	John Debrauske Jim Sarafin Tom Reilly	Mel Free Kevin Smith	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier & Steve O'Neil	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Members of the Pastoral Council and the Strategic Planning Committee will be in the back of church after the Masses this weekend to answer questions about the Strategic Plan and to help anyone who is interested sign up. Copies of the plan are available on our website stjohnkohler.org and the table in the Gathering Space. Time and Talent booklets are available on the tables in the Gathering Space and can be dropped off in the marked box in the Gathering Space.

HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE - ANNUAL LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM MARCH 2 - APRIL 17, 2022

"Jesus said to them, "Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16: 15)

St. John Evangelist Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee & / Blessed Trinity Human Concerns Committee

- Servants of the Good Help Mission – Peru, a 501c3 non-profit organization, reaches out in many ways to serve the needs of adults and children in a third world country – Peru. Originally from Brillion, WI, Taylor and Katie Schmidt, along with their seven children, have been missionaries in Peru for 7 years and creators, originators, developers of the Servants of the Good Help Mission there for the past 3 and 1/2 years. Their diversified mission work in Peru includes RCIA to adults, preparing couples to receive the sacrament of marriage, visiting families in their remote community, helping with church retreats, distributing food donations to soup kitchens in their Prelature, holding weekend Church services under any available roof, a town building, or in a Church when available, developing a research farm to teach the people farming practices, and addressing other concerns that may surface.
- In meeting with Taylor and Katie Schmidt on February 7th, they shared with our two committees that a major need is having money to buy food for the approximately two hundred young kids who can attend school. The cost is about \$5 per week to feed a student. Their efforts to provide clean water as well as these meals aid children in their learning.

All donations received will go to help feed students who can attend school at the Servants of the Good Help Mission in Peru.

Please make checks payable to St. John Evangelist Parish or Blessed Trinity Parish.

"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME, THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU RECEIVED ME IN YOUR HOMES, NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; I WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK ME IN, IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME." (MATTHEW 25:35-36)





ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FISH FRY!

**FRIDAYS
DURING
LENT**

MARCH 04

MARCH 11

MARCH 18

MARCH 25

APRIL 01

APRIL 08

FEATURING THE SAME
GREAT PERCH AND DELICIOUS
HOMEMADE DESSERTS YOU
KNOW AND LOVE!

LARGE (4PC) - \$14

SMALL (2PC) - \$11

VEGETARIAN - \$6

Credit Cards Accepted

CARRY-OUT ONLY

Dinner includes coleslaw,
applesauce, bread, homemade
dessert and a choice of noodles,
American potato salad or chips.

115 Plymouth Street / Plymouth, WI / 920-892-4006

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.

MARCH WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Joe Etchingham by Bette Kriesa Kluge & Bob Kluge.

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>.

EMBRACE THE CROSS

A Tuesday Evening Lenten Scripture Series

Our presenters' passion will inspire our hearts to the mystery of the cross and the wonder of God's grace as we learn how their perspective and the Saints' lives

Embrace the Cross

We welcome you to join us at St. Clement for 5:15pm Mass, followed by a soup supper.

All are welcome to join just for the presentation if you prefer.

These evenings are gifts to deepen our relationship with God as we take up our crosses and journey through Lent to the Resurrection together.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



March 8

Paul Schweigl

"Finding a Cross to Embrace"



March 15

Kate Reidel

"Blessed by the Cross,
Called to the Cross"



March 22

Dianne Vadney

"Take Up Your Cross
and Follow Me"



March 29

Joseph Heit

"Embracing Your Cross
Through Your Vocation"

Schedule:

5:15 PM - Celebration of Mass (*St. Clement Church - 707 N. 6th St., Sheboygan*)

6:00 PM - Soup Supper in Dominican Hall (*Church Basement*)

A Free will Offering to benefit Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

6:30 PM - Presentation (*dismissal - 8 pm*)

Presentations will be recorded and posted to our Website for those unable to attend.



The Lenten Soup Supper Scripture Series is hosted by:

The Sheboygan North Pastoral Council •

Holy Name of Jesus Parish • St. Clement Parish • St. Dominic Parish



Dear Padre,

My fourteen-year-old daughter is very thin. She says giving up food during Lent is proof that she honors God. How can I convince her God doesn't want her to starve herself? Is there anything else she can do for Lent?

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, at age fourteen your daughter isn't required to fast (eating only one full meal a day, no snacks); the Church requires this only of people age eighteen through fifty-nine because people outside those age groups need more than one full meal a day to maintain good health (1252).

She is, however, old enough to abstain from meat, as required of Catholics age fourteen and older. But she should replace that meat with another source of protein like cheese or fish.

Please tell your daughter that the Lenten fast is about preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter. Fasting and abstinence are not about starving or losing weight. They're about making room for God and deepening our relationship with Christ.

And the word *abstain* isn't limited to matters involving food. Your daughter can abstain from watching television, using her mobile phone except in emergencies, or using

the computer for anything other than schoolwork. Prayer and almsgiving (donating money or time to charity) also are part of our Lenten practice. Anyone can safely do these things to achieve the same result: growing closer to God in preparation for Easter.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Fasting makes us share the situation of many people who face the torment of hunger and makes us more attentive to others; almsgiving is a blessed opportunity to collaborate with God's providence for the benefit of his children. And I invite you to make almsgiving a way of life and to persevere in concrete help to those in need.

ADDRESS TO PRO PETRI SEDE ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 16, 2018



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25

Mt 7:7-12

Friday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

MARCH 13

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1 or

3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

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