

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 20, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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	March 19	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Jerzy & Nora Salata by Family, †Dennis Fleisner by Karen Gilsdorf
Saturday	March 19	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertz by Family
Sunday	March 20	St. John's	9:00 am	†Ann Marie Pelosi by Pellegrino Family
Sunday	March 20	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	March 22	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Mike & Ann Scheibl
Wednesday	March 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†Patrick Rogers by Kissel Family
Thursday	March 24	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Warren Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica
Friday	March 25	St. John's	7:00 am	†Sophia Kubiak by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Friday	March 25	Blessed Trinity	1:00 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Friday	March 25	St. John's	5:15 pm	[Stations of the Cross with Benediction]
Saturday	March 26	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Wally Guse by Bob & Linda Guse
Saturday	March 26	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerald Simon by K & S Schmeling
Sunday	March 27	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 27	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Scott Kelley by David & Nancy Schleicher, †Nora Salata by John & Mary Jo Widder

*"I have come
seeking fruit
on this fig tree ..."*
Luke 13:7, ESV



FINANCIAL: MARCH 12/13: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,730.00.

UKRAINE AID: Thank you to everyone who donated for the Aid to Ukraine. Parishioners and guests donated \$3,174.66.



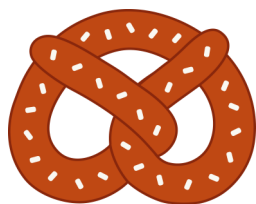
Lent: A Time of Reconciliation and Prayer

Last week, March 9th, St John Evangelist Second Grade Children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession for the first time. After spending weeks learning about Jesus call to holiness, God's commandments and His forgiving love, they gathered with their parents to receive this Sacrament of Forgiveness. Recalling the Sacrament of Baptism when they promised to raise their children in the Faith and when these children became connected to Christ and members of His Church, parents helped their young daughters/sons light candles after their Confessions and before leaving the Church.



This week, during class-time, our 4K-Grade 6 students and Catechists, were reminded of the symbols that we use during the Lenten Season: Ashes that remind us to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel; Palms that help us recall the power of Jesus and His divine nature; and the ordinary Pretzel that reminds us to increase our prayers during this Holy Season.

Most recognize the significance of Ashes and Palms, but many were unaware that Pretzels also have a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. As far back as the fourth century in the Roman Empire, the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent, but groups of Monks, and others, made small breads with water, flour and salt, to remind themselves that Lent was a time of prayer. They shaped them in the form of crossed arms because in those days children and others crossed their arms over the breast while praying. They called the breads "little arms" (bracellae). From this Latin word, the Germanic people later coined the term "pretzel."



To remind them of this story and to encourage them to continue praying during their upcoming Spring Break, each student was given a small bag of pretzels to take with them when class ended. During this Lenten Season, you might also want to purchase pretzel-twists or even consider making pretzels with your family or friends. If you do this, think about the shape of the pretzels, what they symbolize and how you might increase your practice of prayer during these weeks before Easter. Here is a prayer you might want to use before you eat your pretzels: "Dear God, we ask you to bless these pretzels which we are about to eat. Each time we eat them may we be reminded that this is the season of Lent, a time of prayer. Help us to remember to pray for those who need our prayers each day. Keep your loving arms around us, O God, to protect us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

This week we were/are blessed to be able to use something as simple as a few pretzel-twists to remind us of the importance of prayer, of turning to the Lord each day so that we can better prepare for the great events of Holy Week and the Easter Celebration. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8)

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 26.



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

CHOIR:

PRACTICE Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 pm



ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

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

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY: Saturday, April 9 4:00 pm Blessed Trinity 5:30 pm St. John's
 Sunday, April 10 **8:30 am St. John's** 10:30 am Blessed Trinity

HOLY THURSDAY: Thursday, April 14 7:00 pm St. John's

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 15 1:30 pm St. John's 1:30 pm Blessed Trinity

HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL: Saturday, April 16 8:00 pm Blessed Trinity

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday, April 17 7:30 & 9:00 am St. John's 10:30 am Blessed Trinity

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Takes place on Fridays during Lent at 5:15 pm.
Friday, March 25 with Benediction: Rich Tauferner
Friday, April 1: Teresa Bettag and her Confirmation Students



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022
7:00-8:30 PM

Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten Journey and prepare for Holy Week?

Hear a message about God's amazing love for us.

Deepen your understanding of this great gift, given to us in the Eucharist.

Draw closer to Jesus and ready your heart for Holy Week.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
 115 Plymouth Street, Plymouth
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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

Lenten Reflections

Hello Everyone,

Let me begin with a Biblical quote from Revelation, *"Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first."* Revelation 2:4 The background for this quote is that the early Church was driven by the strong missionary spirit and the Church was spreading rapidly. The Gospel (The Good News) had reached Ephesus, and the people of that place welcomed Jesus Christ and His message with great enthusiasm. Please remember, immediately after the crucifixion, death and the resurrection of Christ, a fierce persecution of the Christians started in and around Rome. The hard times reached the Church of Ephesus as well. Slowly few newly converted Christians, either left the Church or became lukewarm believers. Now Jesus, noticing this lackluster and cold response from the Ephesians, complained to St. John the Evangelist, reminding him to communicate to the Ephesians of His (Jesus') pain telling, *"Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first."* Revelation 2:4



We are midway through the Season of Lent. It is a good idea to take this Biblical verse for a serious reflection. Sometimes, we do the minimum to satisfy our conscience, rather than a serious spiritual exercise. Only a serious spiritual renewal can bring us closer to Jesus Christ and to one another. Sometimes, we would love to do the bare minimum, maybe giving up a chocolate or a cup of coffee. Those acts in themselves are a good beginning but bare minimum. What needs to be done is a serious evaluation of ourselves and take up certain remedial actions. Finding more time for prayer and Scripture reading will be the first step. A serious look at fasting and practicing bodily discipline will go a long way. Another major area for meaningful spiritual growth is to reach out to those relatives and friends with whom we have severed our relationship.

Let us regain that first love for Christ we had cherished at the beginning of knowing Christ. That will have chain reactions. Our lackluster relationship with Christ and others will give way to robust and meaningful existence and even our self-esteem will be pointed upward.

Blessings,

Fr. Joe

Wanted Prayer Warriors!

"Pray Unceasingly" - Jesus. St John's has two prayer groups that need Pray-ers, St John's Prayer Ministry and The Lord's Prayer Circle (International Group). We are Prayer Warriors. This means we pray for the intentions of our parish, of individuals, and of the world. We believe in God's love, mercy and grace for all. We believe that God wants the best for each of us. If you are interested in joining us, please email stjohnsprayers@yahoo.com or reachout945@gmail.com (The Lord's Prayer Circle. Susan Vavra OFS, Coordinator).



If you would like us to pray for an intention or in thanksgiving for something, please use the above email addresses or place your intention in the Prayer Box located on table in the Gathering Space.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY: Please return your completed Time & Talent Surveys to the marked box on the table in the Gathering Space. Surveys may also be completed online at: <https://forms.gle/DJy9hQ1T7QrNZbhb6> Indicate both what you already do for the parish, and identify any new ways you're interested in serving in the future. All parishioners 12 and older are encouraged to complete an individual survey. Tom Reilly will be reaching out to adult parishioners who do not return a survey in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has already turned in their survey.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FISH FRY!

**FRIDAYS
DURING
LENT**

MARCH 04
MARCH 11
MARCH 18
MARCH 25
APRIL 01
APRIL 08

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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 King's College. 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 Listek 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 Celebrate - 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 920-960-2112 • hgbaseballcoach@gmail.com

MEN: Register at:
menofchrist.net

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LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

LET'S TALK: St. Anne Society's Wednesday morning coffee gatherings (Let's Talk!) take place on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the church hall.

FORMED: St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes have purchased a subscription to **Formed.org**. FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. FORMED is filled with content for all age groups and supports thousands of movies, children's programs, eBooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

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5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Any questions? Please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnnev@btsje.org.



Lenten Almsgiving focus 2022 - Servants of the Good

Help: Meet the parents of missionary Taylor Schmidt who just returned from 2-1/2 months helping with the mission in Peru. Monica (2nd from left and Tony 4th from left) will be at Blessed Trinity Parish in the Gathering Area after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 2nd and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday April 3rd after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to answer questions and to help you learn, first-hand, about the "Servants of Good Help". Light refreshments will be served at both parishes.

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)**

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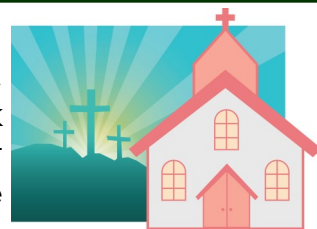
Servants of the Good Help Mission – Peru, a 501c3 non-profit organization,
reaches out in many ways to serve the needs of adults
and children in a third world country – Peru.

- In today's gospel, (Luke 13:1-9), Jesus told some people a parable. It is the story of a person who planted a fig tree in his orchard and had no luck with the fig tree bearing fruit. Of course, like we who get impatient, he wanted the gardener to cut it down because after three years it was only exhausting the soil. The gardener replied by asking him to leave it there a bit longer. What would the gardener do? "I shall show it love and tender care by cultivating the ground around it and fertilize it." Jesus does not tell the outcome, but to say: 'if it does not bear fruit in the future, then you can cut it down.' Of course, we all would like to know – 'did the cultivation and fertilizing make a difference?'
- How many times have we become impatient in wanting to see the end results right now? Jesus simply implies: "That is not the way God works – God wants you to cultivate and fertilize the ground and see if that does not bring the positive growth that you want."
- It should be easy to apply the above to the work being done by Taylor and Katie Schmidt and their seven children at the Servants of the Good Help Mission in Peru. As missionaries they are working to catechize the youth and bring sacraments to all ages. They are now building a tech school so that young people can learn a trade and give back to their community and hopefully not being pulled into cartels. We can all be certain that Jesus is telling them: 'Be patient and cultivate and fertilize the ground around the youth.'
- This is where we can do some of the cultivating and fertilizing by donating to the 2022 Annual Lenten Program. All donations that are received from Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes will be donated to provide meals and clean water for the approximately two hundred children who can attend school.

AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE: \$4,175.00

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:



Today is the 3rd Sunday of Lent where we have stories of encounter, repentance and mercy with our loving, living God! We read from the book of Exodus where Moses encounters God in a burning bush that is not consumed. No longer will Moses be tending sheep, but instead he will be shepherding God's chosen flock to freedom from slavery! Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us to repent (metanoia in Greek) which means to turn and to keep turning away from sin. Our actions and free will have consequences for good or bad and so our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are our remedy for sin. Did you know that "confession" in Latin means "with agreement"? What are we agreeing with? That we sin and make bad choices at times and so we recognize that we need a Savior. Our psalm response today reminds us that the "Lord is kind and merciful" so please avail yourselves of the great healing Sacrament of Confession. Check the bulletin for details on days and times for Confession. This past week at Religious Education, we had the 7th and 8th grades learning about Confession and Reconciliation. Our 9-12th grade students attended a Morality Panel, comprised of three theologians and one Catholic physician. It was a powerful Q & A discussion on what our Catholic church teaches and believes and why. This encounter with the wisdom of our faith helps all of us to bear good fruit so then like St. Francis of Assisi said, "We can sanctify ourselves, so we can sanctify society." 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 **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,

FOOD PANTRY:

Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, April 3**. They are in need of pork & beans, kidney beans and Manwich original. Donations will be delivered to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, April 4 by 9:30 am** by Matt & Jennifer Walton.



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

MASSES	Saturday, March 19, 5:30 pm	Sunday, March 20, 9:00 am	Saturday, March 26, 5:30 pm	Sunday, March 27, 9:00 am
Lector	Beth Zadalis	Norah or Holly Justinger	Angela Bustos	Ellen Stock
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey		Mel Free
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Steve O'Neil Peter Guske	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Chris Stock
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier & Steve O'Neil	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier & Steve O'Neil

Dear Padre,

Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most

people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the

faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Matthew Allman, 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*.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2021, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1–15ab

Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday

MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

Friday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

Saturday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1–6

Lk 18:9–14

Sunday

MARCH 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10–12

2 Cor 5:17–21

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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