

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**NOVEMBER 20, 2022 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:30 pm  
Sunday.....9:00 am  
Wednesday & Friday.....7:00 am  
1st Friday-Pine Haven.....10:00 am  
2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....10:00 am

## PARISH OFFICE

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**Friday 7:30 - 11:30 am**

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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

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## PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Monday-Friday at 6:40 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st & 2nd Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## LAY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 26/27

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Angela Bustos Melanie Pellegrino	Gerald Loth Steve O'Neil
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil



## From Father Schmeckel:

Today, we celebrate the **Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. This feast day was inserted into our church's calendar in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. In the reforms of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, it was moved to the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. This means that each year begins with celebrating the preparation for and birth of Jesus the Infant King and ends with celebration of his reign as King over entire universe.



As I prepare my homily for this great celebration, one question continues to surface in my heart: **Is Jesus the King of my heart?** Most of us reading this (me included) might be quick to answer "yes" to this question, but, as we celebrate this feast day and slowly begin our preparations for Advent and Christmas, the question in our hearts might change. Is He really the King of my heart?

When I wake up in the morning, are my first thoughts about Jesus? As I go throughout the day, is Jesus the King of my thoughts, words, and actions? This doesn't mean that every conversation has to explicitly include Jesus, but He should influence everything that we do. When we daydream or sit and rest, does it lead us to Jesus? When we send e-mails or texts - is Jesus the King of our words? Do the choices and actions we make at work, at church in school or with our friends, families and others - reflect the love of Jesus our King?

When we examine our calendars and our bank accounts - do they reveal that Jesus is King of our resources? Again, this doesn't mean that we have to give all of our money and every waking moment to the church and to charities, but do the ways money and times is spent show in a real way that Jesus is the only King of my heart? (My take: Taking time to push your children on the swing after a long day of work does show your love for the King, and making sure that your family is safe, well-fed, and provided for does show your love for Jesus in a special way)

As we enter the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, I invite you to spend a few quiet moments at the end of the day and ask yourself: **Was Jesus the King of my Heart today, and if not, how can He enter into my life and reign and rule more tomorrow?**

**SAVE THE DATE: WINTERFEST** Sunday, January 29. More information coming in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

## FAMILY ADVENT

**IDEA:** When it comes to family Advent/Christmas traditions elf-on-the-shelf has become a classic. Why not make this a Catholic practice this year? Instead of an elf, find an Angel to watch over your family during the day, and to report to God at night. After the nightly trip make sure the Angel returns to a new hiding spot in your home to begin the next day's watch.



## ADVENT MATERIALS:

**LITTLE BLUE BOOKS:** Are now available in the pews with large print copies also available on the table under the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.



**DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:** Are available in the basket on the table in the Gathering Space.

Please take one or both home to enhance your Advent 2022 journey.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	November 19	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Ed Sabel by Family
Saturday	November 19	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	November 20	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	November 20	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Kitty Lynne Klich by Family
Tuesday	November 22	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Wednesday	November 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dennis Dohms by Bob Schoeneberger
Wednesday	November 23	Blessed Trinity	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Friday	November 25	St. John's	7:00 am	†Barbara Mott by Benishek Family
Saturday	November 26	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Warren & Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica
Saturday	November 26	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Juergen Pietzner by Jeanne Bitkers
Sunday	November 27	St. John's	9:00 am	†Gerald Simon by Jason & Brenda Simon
Sunday	November 27	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADE 7-12:

Today we celebrate the last Sunday of our liturgical year, the solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!! Most of us have a vision of what it means to be a King, especially after the recent funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in England, we have a picture of what royalty, monarchs and kingdoms should look like. But Jesus is no ordinary, earthly king. In fact, kingdom in Latin is "basilia" from where we get the word "basilica" and it means "royal nature." So God's Kingdom is not a palace or place, but rather it is about His royalty or His royalness! What does this look like? It is truly the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, found in Is. 11:1-2 and Gal. 5:20-22; courage, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, peace, love, patience, joy, faithfulness, to name just a few. For God is no ordinary King, even the three Kings at Bethlehem recognized this and when they came with their gifts, they went home by another way. Why? Because no one can encounter the loving, living person of Jesus and remain the same. How blessed we are to have such a humble King who adopts us as His royal family at our Baptism. Do you think of yourself as royalty? As God's beloved prince or princess, sons and daughters of the King of Kings? Well you should, because you are!!



My daughter Regina (Latin for Queen) teaches 4-8th grade at a Christian Brothers Catholic school on the Blackfeet Indian reservation in Montana. She told me a story that during Holy Week one year, she was asking her students what the "INRI" at the top of every crucifix means. We know it was placed there by Pilate to tell all of the passersby that this crucified man was "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Of course, none of her students knew this and though she got some flippant answers, one shy girl raised her hand and said that it stood for "I never regretted it." Out of the mouths of babes, for you see, THIS is the kind of God, the kind of King that we worship and adore....one who would take our place, so that we could be eternally with Him in His Kingdom called "heaven." How great thou art!! See you at Mass.

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grade 7- 12

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, November 26 at 3:00 pm and on Sunday, November 27 from 8:00 - 8:45 am

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:00 pm	AA Meeting <i>Church hall</i>
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30 - 8:00 pm	Choir practice
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Religious Education Committee <i>Classroom #8</i>

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 am	St. Anne Society "Let's Walk"
10:00 am	St. Anne Society "Let's Talk" <i>Church Hall</i>

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:00 pm	AA Meeting <i>Church hall</i>
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

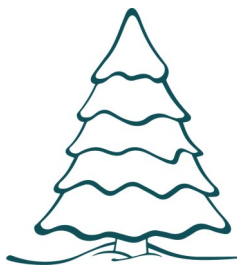
## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass - <i>Choir Sings</i>



## PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in Observance of Thanksgiving. The canopy doors will be unlocked until 3:30 pm each day for access to the church for prayer and meditation. All emails and voicemails will be returned on Monday, November 28.



## "TREMENDOUS CELEBRATION"!: The

Sheboygan County Historical Research Center is having a "Tremendous Celebration". Tour two buildings at the facilities at 518 Water Street and 511 Adams Street in Sheboygan Falls (across the street from each other) to see beautifully decorated trees sponsored by local businesses and nonprofit organizations. **Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes sponsored a tree** and donated/made ornaments to decorate it. Look for ours and see all the trees on Tuesdays through Saturdays starting November 25 and ending December 30 from 4 pm to 9 pm. It is a free event!

Mary Waitkus, Co-Director of the Catholic Life Center

**"Hanging of the Greens" Advent Service:** On **Sunday, November 20** at St. Peter Claver Church at **6:00 pm**. This special service will present symbols of Advent and Christmas in elaborate processions. These symbols include evergreen garlands and wreaths, candles, an empty manger, bells, the Bible, and so many more. This service includes Scriptures related to each symbol, readings proclaiming the meaning of each symbol, beautiful music provided by the Choir, and carols sung by all. Come to enjoy the simple beauty and mystery of the Advent season, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!



# Rocky Knoll Health Care Center

## 2022 Small Gift Christmas List



### Miscellaneous Items

Deodorant  
Aftershave/Pre-shave  
Body Lotion  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Kleenex  
Body Mist (Male & Female)  
Jewelry (variety)  
Tooth paste  
Individual tooth brushes  
Body Sprays-Men & Women  
Throw Blankets (fleece)  
Adult coloring books  
Colored Pencils /sharpeners  
Hair Accessories  
Packer/Brewer/Badgers Merchandise (Larger Sizes)  
Pens & Pencils w/small tablets  
Small c.d. players

### Food Items

Mini/ regular Candy Bars  
Pringle Chips or chips  
Regular Hard & Soft Candy  
Puff Cheese Balls  
Diet Soda (Variety)  
Puff Pop Corn  
Regular Soda (Variety)  
Variety Hard Candy  
Soft Chocolates  
Hostess Snack Items  
Cookies: Regular & Sugar Free  
Sugar Free Candy  
Root Beer Barrels  
Nutty Buddy Bars  
Crunch n Munch

**Please no Jello, Pudding or Fruit Cups**

\*Please return your gift items to the marked bin in the Gathering Space by **Wednesday, November 30**. All gifts will then be delivered to Rocky Knoll by Friday, December 2 – Please do not wrap items–deliver in gift bags. Thank you for your Kindness!



**SALVATION ARMY'S "TOYS FOR TOTS":** The Salvation Army has dropped off a box for this year's "Toys for Tots" Drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy for any age child and place it in the box. All toys must be donated by Sunday, December 12 for pick up by the Salvation Army on Monday, December 13.

A "Family Sponsor" must provide two toys/gifts and a needed item OR a gift card for each child up to age 18 in a family. The cost for each child should not exceed a \$75 value. To learn more or complete an online form indicating your interest and preferred family size, please visit [www.SAsheboygan.org](http://www.SAsheboygan.org) and select "Adopt a Family" before December 2. The Salvation Army will provide a detailed list to help you in your shopping choices.

## Giving Tree for Mary's Room

Sponsored by St. Anne Society

### Mary's Room in Sheboygan Mission Statement:

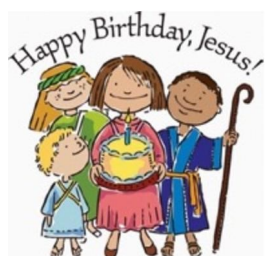
"Our mission is putting Jesus' love into action by helping financially needy mothers and fathers and their babies. We can help with clothing, diapers, baby food, and other baby needs."

St. Anne Society is hosting a Giving Tree again this year with Mary's Room in Sheboygan as beneficiary. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree located in the Gathering Space (or use the shopping list of current needs), and return unwrapped gifts to the Giving Tree by morning of December 7. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity towards those in need during the beautiful Christmas season.

### Current Needs (new items for our 2022 Christmas season project):

- \*Newborn size sleepers, onesies, clothing
- \*Infant receiving blankets, bath towels, baby wash
- \*Children's socks - all sizes toddler - 4T
- \*Fleece blankets
- \*Toddler/preschool snow mittens/gloves
- \*Winter boots, especially sizes 3-11
- \*Winter Jackets sizes 9 month, 12 month (especially boys), 18 month
- \*Clothes - 4T (especially girls) & boys clothing and pajamas, also 3T (especially girls) & boys clothing and pajamas
- \*Diapers, especially newborn and sizes 4,5,6

**"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full."**  
Proverbs 19:17



Thank you to Tom and Rita Gast for the gift of a beautiful new Giving Tree!

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CHARITY CLUB:

Catholic Women's Charity Club (CWCC) will meet on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 pm with Evening Prayer at St. Peter Claver Church in Sheboygan. At 7:00 pm, there will be entertainment by the Kohler High School Madrigal Singers, meeting, and a Christmas social in St. Peter Claver's Van Treeck Hall. Interested members are invited to attend. If you need transportation to/from the meeting please contact Virginia at 783-8249 or Mary at 467-9679. For more information about CWCC, please check out their web site at:

[catholicwomenscharityclub.weebly.com](http://catholicwomenscharityclub.weebly.com)



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 7-9 P.M.**

# ARISE WORSHIP NIGHT



**Holy Family**  
271 Fourth Street Way  
Fond Du Lac, WI

**Free • Family-Friendly • Confessions**  
Learn more at [arismike.org/worshipnights](http://arismike.org/worshipnights)

**Dynamic Spiritual Message**  
by Craig Richter, Seminarian

**Adoration & Procession**  
with Fr. Enrique Hernandez

**Live Praise & Worship Music**  
by Nick Scanlan

**Hospitality & Socializing**  
to end the evening



**FREE**  
OUTDOOR  
EVENT  
FOR KIDS!

## A Visit with St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas returns to Sheboygan! HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital warmly invites you to attend A Visit with St. Nicholas. This outdoor event embraces the traditional spirit of Christmas and celebrates the hospital's patron saint, who was a friend to all children.

**From 5 to 6:30 p.m., children (and kids-at-heart!) can meet St. Nicholas.** Don't forget to bring your camera or phone to take photos. The first 200 children will receive a goodie bag.

**At 6:30 p.m., we'll read The Christmas Story for all to hear.** Enjoy velvety hot cocoa and delicious Christmas cookies while listening to songs of the season performed by Catholic North Youth Choir and St. Dominic's Adult Choir.

**Monday, Dec. 5, 2022**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital**  
3100 Superior Ave., Sheboygan  
Outside, near the Chapel entrance

**"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35**

In the spirit of the season, while not required, **please bring a new pair of shoes to donate for a local charity.**




# The Catholic Life Center

**Mission:** "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls

Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and

Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



[www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC](http://www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC)

December 2022



**COVID Update:** Masks are optional.

Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

## Advent Program: Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC-Meeting Room

November 30 Watch and Pray by Dr. Edward Sri

December 7 Trust in God by Brigid DeMoor

December 14 The Gift by Dr. Tim Gray



Join us in this interactive Advent Program from Formed.org.

Bring your Bible or use one of ours!

**\*\*Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



## Health and Wellness Tuesdays

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC-Meeting Room

December 6 - Health and Wellness Discussion: Holiday Food/Stress,  
Bring your favorite healthy recipe with a sample if you wish.

December 13, 20 & 27 - No scheduled meeting

**\*\*Register with Mary the Friday before each event at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Our Savior** – A four-part Advent series presented by Paula Inda. Held on the Sundays of Advent before Mass from 9:00-10:15 am in the CLC-Parish Meeting Room with the same topic being shared the following Tuesday evenings (7:00-8:15 pm) online. Contact Paula Inda at [paula.marie.ind@gmail.com](mailto:paula.marie.ind@gmail.com) to sign up.

November 27/29, December 4/6, 11/13 & 18/20

**Week One:** Waiting for our Lord

**Week Two:** Trusting in our Lord's Timing

**Week Three:** Receiving peace from surrendering to our Lord

**Week Four:** Remembering God Is Always with Us.



**Fr. Bob Lotz's Nativity Display** of over 100 Nativity Scenes from around the world after BT Masses in the CLC-Assembly and Meeting Rooms

**Saturday December 17, 5:00-6:00 pm**

**Sunday December 18, 11:30 am-12:30 pm**





## First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Friday, December 2 after 7:00 am Mass at SJE Gathering Space

No Thursday Coffee in December due to the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

**Walk the Walk...** Our adult walking program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 - 8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions call the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616: Mary, Ext. 314 .



## Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Silver Bells*

This heartwarming Christmas movie focuses on a widowed father who brings his two children into New York City every year to sell trees from their farm. The son is not interested in the family business and runs away one Christmas to pursue his dream of being a photographer.

Wednesday, December 14, from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room

Starring  
Tate  
Donovan  
and  
Anne Heche



## Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 13

1:30-3:00 pm, CLC-Meeting Room

Join us for games and treats. Bring a dozen cookies to share if you wish.

Please contact Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 for more details and to sign up.



## Two New Groups at St. John Evangelist Continue

**Mother's Group** - for activities, friendship and support. First and third Mondays from 9:30-10:30 am in an SJE Classroom.

**Bible Study** - Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 pm in the SJE Gathering Space.

Please contact Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 for more details and



## Enrich Your Sunday

After 9:00 am Mass, 10:15-11:00 am, St. John Evangelist's  
Gathering Space

**Watch for a New Program in January!**

Join us for various topics with enlightening discussions at a convenient time after Mass, with light refreshments. We finish by 11:00 am in time to make Sunday plans.





# Dear Padre,

**Can all good people go to heaven after they die, even if they haven't been a Christian? My dad is from India and grew up with another religion. The rest of my family is Catholic. I am afraid that we won't see each other again after we die.**

**P**ut your mind at ease. A person who is not a Christian can go to heaven. Heaven is not just for Christians, but for everyone who loves God and responds to God's will in his or her life.

We know that God wants all people to be saved, not just Christians. Jesus began a Church to help people achieve salvation. The Church teaches that those who seek "the truth and [do] the will of God in accordance with their understanding of it can be saved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1260). What we know as Catholics is that God called us into the Church. It is there that we will work out our salvation. "Since Christ died for all, and since all are called to one and the same destiny, which is divine," we must believe that the Holy Spirit makes a way for everyone, a way that only God knows (CCC 1260).

You should pray for your dad and be a faithful Catholic. Perhaps your good example will help him become a Christian. Even if he never becomes a Christian, your prayers will help him work out his salvation without the benefit of the sacraments and a believing community. If he does what is right, God will reward him.

*The Redemptorists*

*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor....We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live.*

MESSAGE, WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 21

*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5

Lk 21:1–4

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 22

*St. Cecilia,*

*Virgin and Martyr*

Rv 14:14–19

Lk 21:5–11

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 23

*Weekday*

Rv 15:1–4

Lk 21:12–19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 24

*St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs*

Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;

19:1–3, 9a

Lk 21:20–28

*Thanksgiving Day (US)*

Sir 50:22–24

1 Cor 1:3–9

Lk 17:11–19

### Friday

NOVEMBER 25

*Weekday*

Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2

Lk 21:29–33

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 26

*Weekday*

Rv 22:1–7 / Lk 21:34–36

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 27

*First Sunday of Advent*

Is 2:1–5

Rom 13:11–14

Mt 24:37–44