

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



DECEMBER 11, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

**Hours: Monday–Thursday 7:30 - 3:30 PM
 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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 Tracy Kissel Norma Horne
 Jenny Roatch

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer
 Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

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 DECEMBER 17/18

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	William Moffatt	Norah or Holly Justinger Charlotte Bullard
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Diana Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil



... among those born of
 women no one has arisen
 greater than John the Baptist;
 yet the least in the kingdom of
 heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11, NRSV

From Father Schmeckel:

Today we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**. You will notice that we light the pink/rose colored candle, and the priest's chasuble (the large vestment worn over everything else) will be a pink/rose color, too. This lighter and brighter color reminds us that our Advent preparations for Christmas and the coming of Jesus are almost over! Only a few short days and we will celebrate the birth of Jesus!



We also call this **Gaudete Sunday**. This name comes from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass in Latin: "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete. Dominus enim prope est. (The Entrance Antiphon is scriptural verse that is sung, usually with a Psalm, at the beginning of Mass. We often use a hymn in its place. I wrote this in Latin because it's still our official Catholic language!) In English it means: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." This is from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:4-5). It reminds us to rejoice in the Season of Advent as we wait for Jesus to come into our hearts.

What is remarkable about this letter from Saint Paul is that he wrote it while he was imprisoned. Paul was a knowledgeable man who understood Roman ways. He knew that he would soon die a martyr's death – and yet he still wrote about joy and commanded the Christians in Philippi to rejoice and be glad. Even today, his words are a good reminder to us! If we are sick, or suffering, or carrying a cross in a profound way, **Jesus still commands us to rejoice** – because He is coming and He loves us! In these final weeks of Advent, let us continue to open our hearts to the graces He wants to give us!

And now, for some administrative items:

For the **Love One Another (LOA)** campaign at Blessed Trinity, the upgrades to our doors are complete! You will notice at our main entrance that you can open the door with just a press of the button. The automatic locking system will eventually give us great opportunities to have our Church open more regularly for prayer and visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – without adding additional burdens on our maintenance staff.

At Saint John, we will officially begin our participation in the Love One Another Capital Campaign in January 2023. Some of the behind-the-scenes groundwork has already begun. A few things that will be supported by our St. John Evangelist Love One Another Campaign include: Faith Formation and trips for our youth; ongoing Formation for adults, catechists, and parish staff; improvements to our kitchen; and some general improvements to our parish buildings and grounds.

Finally at Saint John Evangelist Parish, Mary Rautmann has informed me that she will retire as our parish custodian this month. I want to thank her for her years of service to our parish. Even in the short time that I have been here, I have greatly appreciated her kindness and good cheer in all things! We wish her all the best and assure her of our prayers!

And remember: **Rejoice always!**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 pm and on Sunday, December 18 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	December 10	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Jane Ornelas by Family, †Rodney & Lois Woveras by Family
Saturday	December 10	St. John's	5:30 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family, †Jerald Frank Greco Sr. by David & Laura Fiorini
Sunday	December 11	St. John's	9:00 am	†Lydia Turba & Myron LaPean, †Bruecker & McGinnis Families by Bill McGinnis
Sunday	December 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	December 13	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mike Ferk by Audinos, Bouches, & Wieseckels
Tuesday	December 13	St. John's	5:15 pm	†Ed Mauer by Judy & Family
Wednesday	December 14	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dennis Dohms by Carolyn Kaboord
Thursday	December 15	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family
Thursday	December 15	Blessed Trinity	5:15 pm	†Tony Bonde by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Friday	December 16	St. John's	7:00 am	†Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner
Saturday	December 17	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann & Ulrich Bartel by Family, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Saturday	December 17	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Richard Lorenz by Family
Sunday	December 18	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	December 18	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Nora Salata by Norbert & Adeline Haen, †Ralph & May Alice Schleicher by Sandy Jordan

CHRISTMAS, & SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES

	DATE	St. John Evangelist Parish	Blessed Trinity Parish
Christmas Eve (Vigil)	Saturday Dec. 24	4:00 pm 9:00 pm	4:00 pm
Christmas Day	Sunday, Dec. 25	9:00 am	10:30 am
New Year's Eve (Reg. Times)	Saturday, Dec. 31	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Solemnity of Mary (Reg. Time)	Sunday, Jan. 1	9:00 am	10:30 am



ADVENT RECONCILIATION: As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, priests from throughout Sheboygan area will offer 12 Hours of Reconciliation/Confession. People can go to Confession from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, December 13 at St. Peter Claver Church, 1439 S. 12th St., Sheboygan. Please use the doors off of the parking lot. These are the only doors that will be open.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church hall
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
5:15 pm Advent Mass
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

2:00 - 3:00 pm Bible Study
Conference Room

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church hall
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

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



KOHLER VILLAGE CAROLING

WALK: Will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm. The Caroling Walk will begin at St. John Evangelist Catholic Parish with songs and Scripture Readings. The next stop will be at Grace United Church of Christ. The CAROLING WALK will end at Bethany Lutheran Church where refreshments will be served and the Kohler High School Madrigal Singers will perform. All are welcome to participate in part or all of this Kohler Village annual event.



"TREMENDOUS CELEBRATION"!

The Sheboygan County Historical Research Center is having a "Treemendous 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 until December 30 from 4 pm to 9 pm. It is a free event!

Mary Waitkus, Co-Director of the Catholic Life Center



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 11 for pick up by the Salvation Army on **Monday, December 12.**

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:

All 2022 Contributions must be to the Parish Office no later than **Friday, December 30** to be



counted in the 2022 tax year. If you would like to check on your contributions so far this year, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours (7:30 am - 3:30 pm).



FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST (DECEMBER 27): The Feast of our Patron Saint, St. John the Evangelist is on December 27. To celebrate, there will be Mass at 5:15 pm with a procession. Following Mass, there will be hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn with socialization and a short movie for the children.

HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE



**Saturday, December 17, 2022
Starting at 9 AM**

**Blessed Trinity's Front Entrance Gathering Area
319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls**

**We've done your holiday baking for you.
Assorted Cookie boxes for sale as well as a variety of plates.**

**Just in time for Christmas!
Cookies make a great gift for your family & friends.**

THE SPECIAL ADVENT 2022 INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS:

Lord Jesus Christ,

Through this season of Advent, we pray for evangelization and so many catechists who seek to communicate the Gospel. May all catechists, who have been summoned by the Lord to announce the Word of God be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
~"Word on Fire 2022"

Michael Pellegrino and Toni Sarafin have been serving as the trustees of our parish. After some extensions of their terms of service due to COVID, it is now time to have an official election for the continuing administration of our parish. Father Schmeckel, as the parish administrator, will nominate one candidate for each position, with terms ending June 30, 2024. Other candidates may be nominated by a parishioner with ten signatures and submitted to Father Schmeckel by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 31. Nomination forms are available in the kiosk. Candidates must be Catholic and registered, practicing parishioners who are at least 25 years old; they will be required to present a recent credit report for the pastor to review. If an election is necessary, it will be held on the weekend of January 13 and 14.

Dear Padre,

I struggle with depression, and sometimes it gets really bad during the holidays. When is it morally acceptable to use antidepressant medication?

You are not alone. People who struggle with depression often find the holidays especially difficult. To answer your question, it is morally acceptable to use antidepressant medications when a medical professional judges them to be the best response to the condition of the patient. As we learn more about the causes of depression and other disorders that challenge the sense of equilibrium in people, we hope that the most reliable responses may be found and employed to restore a sense of peace to those suffering from these ailments.

Evaluation and treatment of depression must be done within the context of a person's whole life. Depression often involves a chemical imbalance in the brain, and some people respond quite well to antidepressants. For others, the best treatment might be counseling or psychotherapy. Or both medicine and therapy. As each experience of suffering is unique, so, too, must be the response.

Frequently people will be embarrassed to admit to suffering with depression or consider it a sign of weakness or inability to deal with matters in life. Such thinking is of little help in resolving the issue. People who experience depression need the love and support of family and friends to accompany them in the suffering and to assist in their healing. ●

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MONDAY

December 12
*Our Lady of
Guadalupe*
Zec 2:14–17 or
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26–38 or
Lk 1:39–47

TUESDAY

December 13
*St. Lucy, Virgin
and Martyr*
Zep 3:1–2, 9–13
Mt 21:28–32

WEDNESDAY

December 14
*St. John of the
Cross, Priest and
Doctor of the
Church*
Is 45:6c–8, 18,
21c–25
Lk 7:18b–23

THURSDAY

December 15
Advent Weekday
Is 54:1–10
Lk 7:24–30

FRIDAY

December 16
Advent Weekday
Is 56:1–3a, 6–8
Jn 5:33–36

SATURDAY

December 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8–10
Mt 1:1–17

SUNDAY

December 18
*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*
Is 7:10–14
Rom 1:1–7
Mt 1:18–24



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every yes to God gives rise to stories of salvation for us and for others. Like Mary with her own yes. In this Advent journey, God wishes to visit us and awaits our yes. Let's think: Today, what yes must I say to God?

ANGELUS, DECEMBER 8, 2016



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