

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday .....	4:00 pm
Sunday .....	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday .....	7:00 am
1st Friday-Pine Haven.....	10:00 am
2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing .....	10:00 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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**Trustees:** Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

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## PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & 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, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

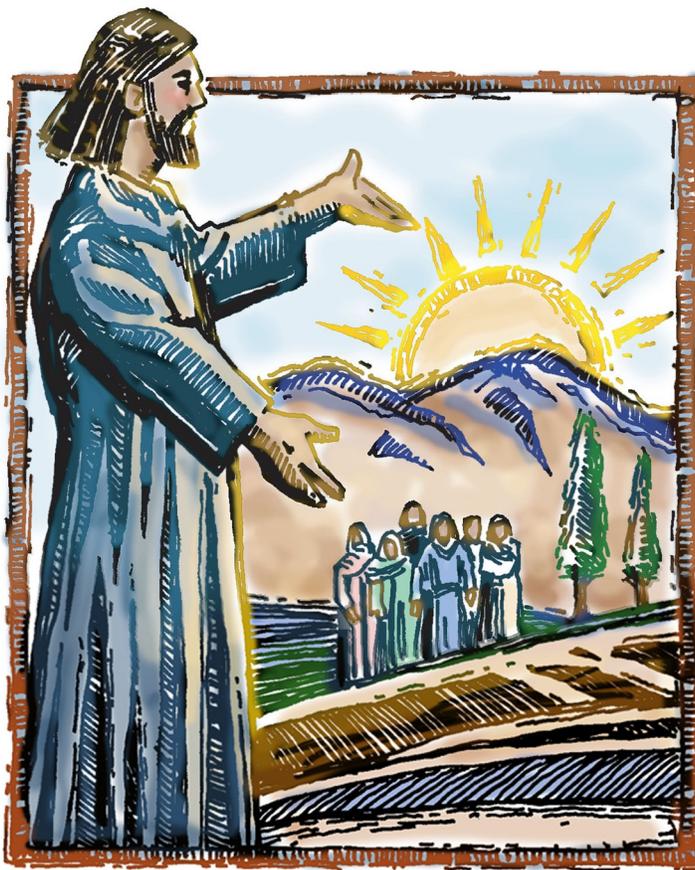
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



*And he went throughout  
Galilee, proclaiming  
the message...*

MARK 1:39, NRSV

Bulletin Submission Deadline: All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

## From Father Schmeckel:

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and make last week's Winterfest at St. John Evangelist Parish a success! It was a great event and a very enjoyable gathering. We had volunteers from both Saint John's and Blessed Trinity Parishes help with many of the details. It is a great testament to the hard work of both parishes, and a reminder for all of us to continue to look for opportunities to work together for the good of all. Thank you!



Friday, February 2 was **the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This is personally one of my favorite feasts on the Church's calendar. On this feast day we remember and celebrate the time when, according to the Jewish laws and customs, Joseph and Mary bring Jesus to the Temple, forty days after his birth, to be dedicated to God. (It's only been forty days since Christmas!)

"Light" is a constant theme of the readings and the prayers of the Mass for this day. Both the Scriptures and prayers proclaim clearly that Jesus is the true light of the world – who has now come into the world! Traditionally, this day has been called "Candlemas", literally Mass of Candles. On this day we continue to remember and celebrate Jesus coming as "Light" by blessing candles for use in the church and in homes. Because this feast often falls on a weekday, it doesn't always get the full recognition it deserves. Next year, however, February 2 will fall on a Sunday and this Feast can be celebrated with more of the glory and joy that it deserves!

What can we learn from the Feast of the Presentation and do in our homes? We can begin by thinking of our own home as a 'little church' where Jesus can dwell. **Find a small space to set aside for prayer or for an image of Jesus, Mary, or a favorite Saint.** It doesn't have to be a space that takes up an entire room or your whole house, but just a small table with a crucifix, a candle, and your family's Bible. Every evening, your family could gather together in this dedicated space and take a few minutes to pray for family members in need, or to thank God for blessings of that day. In this way, we can all celebrate the Feast of the Presentation and invite Jesus to come and stay in our homes, too!

Finally, I announced last weekend at all Masses that I will be leaving Blessed Trinity and Saint John the Evangelist Parishes in June. The Archbishop's office has informed me that some other parish in the Archdiocese needs a priest with at least some experience. At this time, there are several unknowns for me and for our parishes, but we will continue to communicate these changes as things become known. This was a surprise for me – as it has been for many of you. I have been overwhelmed by the kind words that many of you have offered this past week. Thank you for your kindness. Please continue to pray for me, for our parishes, and for the priest who will follow after me! Praised be Jesus Christ in all things!

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:**  
Ash Wednesday is on **Wednesday, February 14**. Masses will be at:

St. John Evangelist Parish: 6:45 am & 5:15 pm

Blessed Trinity Parish: 12:10 pm & 6:30 pm



**OLD PALMS:** We will be collecting old palms to burn for ashes for Ash Wednesday again this year. Please bring your old palms and place them in the Gathering Space by **Sunday, February 11**. They will then be burned and used on Ash Wednesday.

# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 3</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†James Klopf by Family, †Edward Zimmermann by Family & Friends, †George Hoff by Marlene Hoff
Sunday	February 4	St. John's	9:00 am	†Jack Melis by Sarafin Family
Sunday	February 4	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	February 6	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Stephen Voitek by Dottie Diedrich
Tuesday	February 6	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Marilyn Jarvis by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Wednesday	February 7	St. John's	7:00 am	†Edna Schmeling by Family
Thursday	February 8	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Flerchinger by Frank & Peggy Eder
Friday	February 9	St. John's	7:00 am	†Tom Dombrowski by Family
Friday	February 9	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Carol Leider by Judy Heimerl
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	February 11	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Brian Woveras by Sue Woveras, †Alphonse & Rosemary Reiter and Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, February 10 at 3:00 pm and on Sunday, February 11 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

## LAY MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 10/11

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Gerry Loth Bill Moffatt	Elizabeth Steger Angela Bustos
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Patti Cosgrove	Audrey Waitkus

## 2024 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

**APPEAL:** The 2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal kicks off this weekend February 3/4. A video featuring Archbishop ListECKI explaining the importance of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal will be shown THIS WEEKEND. St. John Evangelist Parish goal is **\$22,463.00**. The Archdiocese has also set a participation goal this year. We are looking for **24.2%** of St. John Evangelist Parishioners to help us reach our goal. We are hoping to meet or exceed our CSA goal once again.



**FOOD PANTRY:** Please continue to bring **non-perishable** goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. They are in need of pasta sauce at this time.  
**Next Delivery: Monday, January 6, 2024: Joe Hocevar.**

**FINANCIAL: JANUARY 27/28, 2024:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,896.81

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society  
5:30 pm Emmaus 90  
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 am Mass  
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education  
4K- Grade 6  
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education  
Grades 7 - 12

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration  
2:00 pm Bible Study

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 am Mass

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

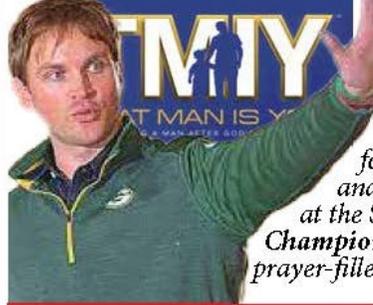
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

**SUNDAY SOCIAL:** There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, February 4.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Choir. 


**MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**Sat. March 2nd In Green Bay! 7am-3pm**



Become the man God is calling you to be. Deepen your commitment to Christ for your family, church, and community. Join us at the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion for a high-powered, prayer-filled experience.

**All Catholic Men from all Sheboygan County Area Parishes are invited!**  
**Sponsored by men of TMIY and K of C**  
**Register at: [estovir.com](http://estovir.com)**  
**Contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112 regarding more info & transportation**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP SOCIAL:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting their Soup Social on **Saturday, February 17**, after the **4:00 PM Mass**, in Blessed Trinity's Church Hall. All Free will Donations go to supporting our many local Charities. Everyone is welcome! Stay for Card

Games afterwards



**SHEBOYGAN KICK-OFF RALLY:** On **Sunday, FEBRUARY 11, 2024, from 1:30 - 3:30 PM**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall(833 Center Avenue, Sheboygan). Guest Speakers will

include Anne & Tim Shiningar, who will share the story of their daughter, Monica Rose, who was born with genetic abnormalities, and how she was a blessing to them and others around her. This will "kick-off" the Lent 40 Days for Life peaceful, prayerful vigil which begins Ash Wednesday, February 14. Join them and be inspired to be a witness for the sanctity of life.



## Feast of St. Blaise & Traditional Blessing of Throats (Saturday, February 3rd):

The tradition of the Blessing of the Throats is attributed to the healing of a young boy who was choking. The two candles used in the ceremony represent the candles brought to Blaise in prison by the boy's mother. We ask St. Blaise to intercede for us that we may be safe from every illness of the throat.

In the anticipation of the Feast of St. Blaise Fr. Schmeckel blessed the throats of all the 4K through Grade 6 Students and their Catechists this past Wednesday during their Religious Education class time.



## REBOOT WITH CHRIS STEFANICK:

Which had been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at St. Dominic Parish has been **cancelled**. If you already purchased tickets to the event, refunds were given this week. You don't have to do anything. If there are any questions, please contact Chelsey Nickel, CWEP at 970-412-9341.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CHARITY CLUB:

The next Catholic Women's Charity Club meeting is **February 7th** at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in Van Treeck Hall at **1:00 p.m.** It is their annual "Wear Red Bring White" (paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue, etc.) meeting. Dr. Louie Coulis will present heart health information. All Catholic women are welcome. Come join us.

## HOLY TRINITY PARISH 23rd ANNUAL PERCH FRY:



Holy Trinity Parish (11928 Marken Road, School Hill) will be hosting their 22nd annual perch fry on **Friday, February 16**. Carry outs will be available from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm then from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Dine in is available from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. There will also be grilled cheese plates available as well as assorted homemade tortes. Please call 920-773-2380 for carry outs. A flyer is on the bulletin board with more information.

## HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE UPDATES:



**Help for the Homeless (H4H) hygiene drive:** Sponsored by the Family Radio network, begins the weekend of **February 11th** and runs thru **March 3th**. St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes are excited to participate in this worthy drive that helps the underserved in our area thru various organizations. All sizes of new hygiene, paper and cleaning products will be accepted and can be placed in the labeled box which is located in the Gathering Space at St. John Evangelist Parish and the blue room at Blessed Trinity Parish. The most urgent needs include:

Soaps: laundry, dish, soft, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo

Trash bags

Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups)

Deodorant (unscented)

Wet wipes

Wet Wipes

Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

Disposable Razors

Tampons & Maxi Pads

Once the drive concludes the items will be sorted and then distributed to the following Sheboygan County organizations who will give them to the most vulnerable in our Sheboygan County: Catholic Charities, Lakeshore CAP, Love, Inc., Safe Harbor, Warming Shelter, Sheboygan County Interfaith, St. Vincent de Paul, The Production Farm, Lighthouse Recovery and Salvation Army. Thank you for your generosity!

**SIX SOUPER SUNDAYS in LENT:** Looking for willing volunteers to provide a crock pot of soup which will be available for a free will donation on Sundays **February 18 & 25 and March 3, 10 & 17**. Please contact Sharon Reilly 920-980-9622 or email [reillys53044@gmail.com](mailto:reillys53044@gmail.com) if you are willing to provide soup for one or more Sundays. All donations will go towards this years Lenten Almsgiving.



**2024 Lenten Almsgiving ANCHOR OF HOPE:** This year the money collected will be used to provide assistance to young mothers who need financial help in obtaining a post-secondary degree. The intent is to help the mother in achieving a skill/career to best provide a quality of life for mother and child. Anchor of Hope is a faith-based community non-profit committed to providing everything needed to make an informed choice. All patient services are completely free of charge, professional, and confidential.

~Sharon Reilly, Chairperson of Human Concerns Committee



Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI cordially invites you to the

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**PALLIUM** *Lecture*

*"How Catholic Art Saved the Faith – The Triumph of Beauty and Truth"*

*A tour-de-force visual presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Lev*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

**6 p.m. Private Wine and Cheese Reception • 7 p.m. Presentation**

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# CLC Calendar

## February 2024



- February 1 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Lower Level Conference Room
- February 2 -First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass in SJE Gathering Space
- February 6 -**Health & Wellness Discussion: Blue Zones**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 7 -**Hearing Presentation** by Dr. Kathleen Haasch, Audiologist, 1:00-2:00 pm, CLC
- February 8 -Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass until 10:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 8 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Lower Level Conference Room
- February 11 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: Called out of the World**, 10:00-10:45 am, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE-Gathering Space
- February 12 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- February 14 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: Responding to God**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 14 -Movie Matinee, *My Dog Skip*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- February 15 -Tiny Saints Story Time, 10:00-10:45 am, SJE-Classrooms
- February 15 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Lower Level Conference Room
- February 15 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- February 20 -**Balancing Life and Work**, 6:00-7:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall  
**Registration required with Great Marriages.**
- February 21 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: Preparing for Sacrifice**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 22 -Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players: **Michelangelo Part I**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 22 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Lower Level Conference Room
- February 25 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: God Speaks Our Story**, 10:00-10:45 am, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE-Gathering Space
- February 26 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- February 27 -Easter/Spring Card Service Project for Pine Haven, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 28 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: The Real Presence Creates Communion**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 29 -Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players: **Michelangelo Part 2**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- February 29 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Lower Level Conference Room

## Upcoming Dates

- March 5 -Conversations Over Coffee with Fr. Schmeckel: Explaining the Mass, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE-Gathering Space
- March 15 -**7 Principles of Making Marriage Work**, a Great Marriages Program with dessert, 6:30-8:30 pm, CLC-MR. **Registration required with Great Marriages.**
- April 17 -**Reboot Featuring Chris Stefanick – CANCELLED**
- April 23 -**AARP Driving Class**, 12:30-4:30 pm, CLC-MR

**Register for events or call with questions – Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext 314. For Great Marriages Programs, register at (920) 783-6142 or [www.great-marriages.org](http://www.great-marriages.org).**

*CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.*



# Dear Padre,

***In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”  
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?***

God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

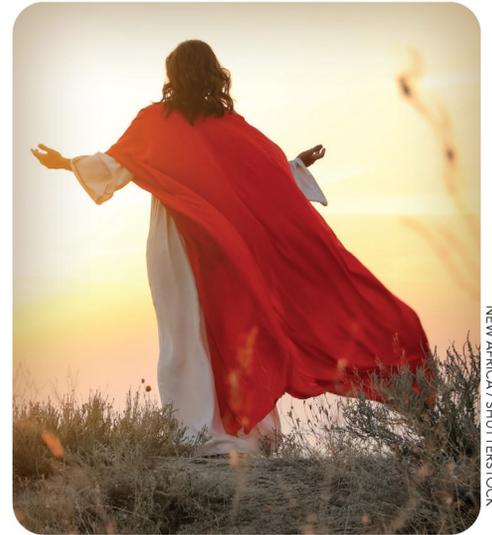
In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●

**Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR**

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## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

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

### **MONDAY**

February 5  
*St. Agatha,  
Virgin and  
Martyr*  
1 Kgs 8:1–7,  
9–13  
Mk 6:53–56

### **TUESDAY**

February 6  
*St. Paul Miki and  
Companions,  
Martyrs*  
1 Kgs 8:22–23,  
27–30  
Mk 7:1–13

### **WEDNESDAY**

February 7  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 10:1–10  
Mk 7:14–23

### **THURSDAY**

February 8  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 11:4–13  
Mk 7:24–30

### **FRIDAY**

February 9  
*Weekday*  
1 Kgs 11:29–32;  
12:19  
Mk 7:31–37

### **SATURDAY**

February 10  
*St. Scholastica,  
Virgin*  
1 Kgs 12:26–32;  
13:33–34  
Mk 8:1–10

### **SUNDAY**

February 11  
*Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
Lv 13:1–2,  
44–46  
1 Cor 10:31–  
11:1  
Mk 1:40–45



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 8, 2015**