

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**FEBRUARY 11, 2024 SIXTH 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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## 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

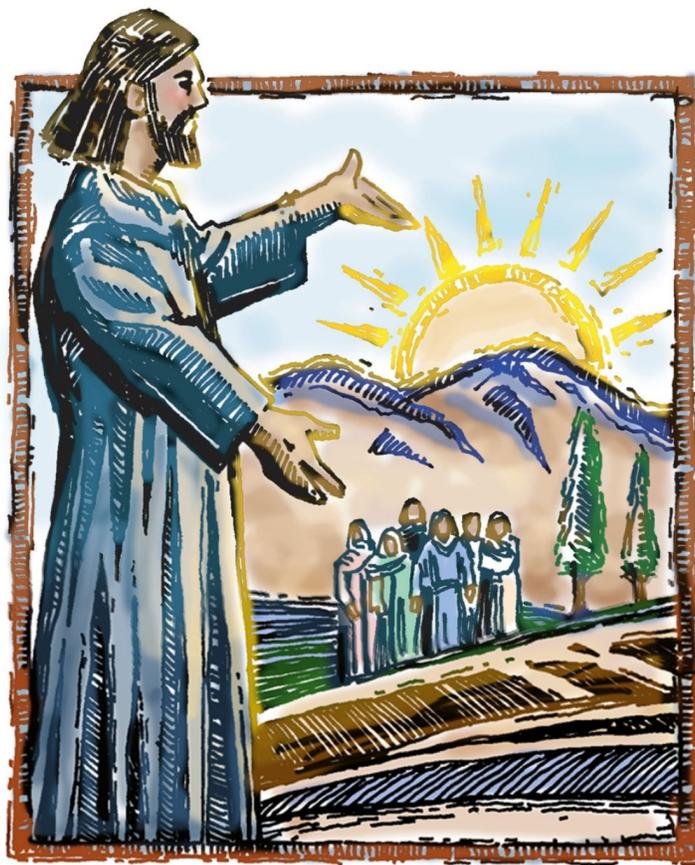
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



*"... and the people kept  
coming to him from  
everywhere."*

MARK 1:40

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:

**Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday and the start of the season of Lent.**

Mass with the Distribution of Ashes will be offered at these times:

- 6:45 AM – Saint John Evangelist Parish
- 12:10 PM – Blessed Trinity Parish (no music)
- 5:15 PM – Saint John Evangelist Parish
- 6:30 PM – Blessed Trinity Parish



As we begin this season of preparation and penance, we are invited to take up practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Participating at Mass, praying during Eucharistic adoration, and taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance or Confession) are very straightforward ways for each of us to grow in our friendship with Jesus during this Lenten season.

I want to remind you of the opportunities in our parishes during this Lenten Season:

**Masses:** In addition to the Sunday Masses, there are additional weekday Masses that are shorter (usually about 30 minutes). They can sometimes fit into your work or school schedule. The full schedule can be found in the bulletin, and **don't forget the newly added Mass time on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM.** The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our Christian lives. Making time for one weekday Mass might be a good way for you and your family to be near Jesus during Lent.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Adoration takes place on Thursdays at Saint John Evangelist Parish from 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM. It also takes place at Blessed Trinity Parish on Thursday mornings from 8:00 until 8:50 AM. Eucharistic adoration can be a good way to sit for awhile, take a deep breath, and give to Jesus "all of your joys and hopes, or griefs and anxieties of this age", as stated in the Documents of the Second Vatican Council. Come for an hour or stay for five minutes!

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** offers us a chance to examine our lives and to ask for God's grace and mercy to keep growing in love of Him. During this season of Lent, there will be more opportunities for Confessions in our parishes. The days and times are as follows:

- Saturdays – 2:30-3:40 PM before 4:00 PM Mass
- Sundays – 7:30-8:40 AM – Saint John Evangelist Parish
- Tuesdays – 5:00-5:40 PM – Blessed Trinity Parish
- Fridays – 6:00-6:40 AM – Saint John Evangelist Parish

In our area, there will be 12 Hours of Reconciliation held at St. Peter Claver Parish (1439 S. 12th Street) on March 19 from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM and Holy Family Church in Fond du Lac on March 20 from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. More opportunities for this great sacrament will be available throughout the county. Please see the purple Lenten insert in the bulletin this weekend. Extra copies are also on our website and on the table in the Gathering Space.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, February 17 at **2:30 pm** and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, February 11 from 7:30 to 8:45 am.

# MASS INTENTIONS

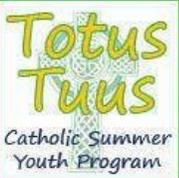
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 10</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	February 11	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	February 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Brian Woveras by Sue Woveras, †Alphonse & Rosemary Reiter and Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter
Tuesday	February 13	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Family
Tuesday	February 13	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Alphonse & Rosie Reiter by Ann Wieseckel
Wednesday	February 14	St. John's	6:45 am	†Reilly & Kubiak Families by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Wednesday	February 14	Blessed Trinity	12:10 pm	†Kyle Wagner by Mom & Dad, †Susan Alfonsi by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Wednesday	February 14	St. John's	5:15 pm	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Wednesday	February 14	Blessed Trinity	6:30 pm	†Steven Patrick Walsh & Jennifer Collins by Walsh Siblings, †Elaine Jensen by Paul & Jessica Jensen
Thursday	February 15	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†John Markgraf by Paul Morgan Family
Friday	February 16	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ted Biskup
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 17</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Bradley Woveras by Family, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Sunday	February 18	St. John's	9:00 am	†Dorothy Free by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	February 18	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

**2024 Lenten Almsgiving ANCHOR OF HOPE:** This year the money collected will be used to provide assistance to young mothers who need financial help with education through Anchor of Hope, 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. More information on this year's Lenten Almsgiving will be provided at Masses next weekend (February 17/18).

## LAY MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 18

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Charlotte B. Diane Hart
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Dave & Diane Hart
Greeters	Tracy Kissel

**BISHOP BARRON'S THE MASS:** Hosted by the Catholic Life Center in the St. John Evangelist Parish Gathering Space following the 9:00 am Mass.  
Upcoming dates:  
February 11: Lesson 2: Called Out of the World  
February 25: Lesson 3: God Speaks our Story



**TOTUS TUUS SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-12 / JUNE 23-28:**  
Registration/Information Forms can be found in the Gathering Space and on our St. John Evangelist Parish website. Information about volunteering will be available in the coming weeks. Please contact the Parish Office at [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org) or 920-452-9623 with any questions.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 am Mass

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass



## ASH WEDNESDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

**ALL** Religious Education students, 4K to Grade 12 will meet from 4:00 - 5:15pm on **Wednesday, February 14. Grades 7 - 12 students will meet in the church hall. (There is no Class for Grades 7 - 12 after Mass)** All students are encouraged to then join their families for Ash Wednesday Mass at 5:15 pm.

## SOUP'S ON! 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



**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.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Interested in the Bible but never really go around to reading it? Discussing it? Understanding it? If so, then this may be the thing for you. Due to the success of our first Bible Study group we're starting a second one. The day, time and format of the program is open, depending upon the wishes of the group. Sound interesting? Want to know more? Then contact Tom Reilly at treilly53044@gmail.com. If your Thursday afternoons are open and you're interested in joining an existing Bible Study, why not consider the 2:00 pm group. ~Tom Reilly

**Help for the Homeless (H4H) hygiene drive:** Sponsored by the Family Radio network, begins the weekend of February 11th and runs thru March 3th. 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, Wet Wipes, Trash bags, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups), Disposable Razors, Deodorant (unscented, Tampons & Maxi Pads.

Once the drive concludes the items will be sorted and then distributed to many Sheboygan County Organizations. Thank you for your generosity.

~Sharon Reilly, Human Concerns Committee

# LENTEN INFORMATION

## 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.

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

**COUNTY-WIDE LENTEN MASSES, SERVICES, & PROGRAMS:** Copies are with the bulletin this weekend and extra copies are available in the Gathering Space.



## 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 & 24. Please contact Sharon Reilly 920-980-9622 or email reillys53044@gmail.com if you are willing to provide soup for one or more Sundays. All donations will go towards this years Lenten Almsgiving.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Beginning on Friday, February 16, Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent. Stations will be offered:

1:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish  
5:15 pm at St. John Evangelist Parish

## Renewed in God's Presence A Tuesday Evening Lenten Scripture Series

Our presenters, with their enthusiasm and knowledge, will uplift our spirits as they explore our Lord's divine love. They will focus on key aspects, including the Old Testament, the Beatitudes, the Liturgy, and the Cross. Join us to delve into how the Eucharist functions as both our source and summit.

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, Renewed in God's Presence in the Eucharist.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



February 20  
Dcn. Charles Luke  
"Tasting Heaven: How Old Testament Signs Help us Understand the Gift of the Eucharist"



February 27  
Kate Boyce  
"Love Poured Out: The Eucharist and the Beatitudes"



March 5  
Fr. Bob Lotz  
"Ways to Appreciate the Eucharist"



March 12  
Dr. Jeremy Blackwood  
"A Cruciform Eucharist: Imitating Christ all the Way Down"

### 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 the Sheboygan Warming Center*  
6:30 PM - Presentation (dismissal - 8 pm)

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

## Lenten Observance:

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason: a) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent; b) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Therefore, on these days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during these two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



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



## Getting Ready for Lent: Walking with Jesus - 2024:



The 2024 Lenten Season begins this week -- on Ash Wednesday. Whether we feel ready or not, this day will mark the beginning of the Church's observance of the Lenten season—six weeks that are set apart for the purpose of drawing closer to God and seeking Him with greater intensity. Unfortunately, the Lenten season often gets reduced to the question, "What are you giving up for Lent?" This is a fine question, but it can only take us so far. The real question of the Lenten season is, "How will I repent and return to God with all my heart?" During these days before Ash Wednesday, perhaps we should begin to plan. The Church calls each of us to Pray, to Fast and to Give to Others throughout the Lenten Season. To begin with, here are 6 Ways to consider praying during this Lenten Season:

**Personal reflective prayer** - Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step that can be taken to increase daily prayer opportunities is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate prayer life. A few such resources are Loyola Press's popular 3-Minute Retreats and Seven Last Words of Christ. Many other Catholic prayer sites can be found online as well.

**Pray the Stations of the Cross** - One of the most common traditions of Lent is to pray the Stations of the Cross. This prayer is the story of the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration. Check the parish bulletin to see when and where the Stations of the Cross prayer service is being offered, or try one of the many available online resources.

**Read the Bible** - Perhaps the oldest method of scriptural prayer known to Christians is "holy reading." This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from the Bible, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases. This type of prayer is rooted in the belief that the Word of God speaks in the human heart. Bible verses, passages and stories can be found online as well as in the Bible itself.

**Reflect more deeply on the Prayers at Mass.** - When you are at Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words that are prayed. For example, the Opening Prayer of the Mass and the Eucharistic Prayer, after the Consecration, have very special meaning if you listen carefully.

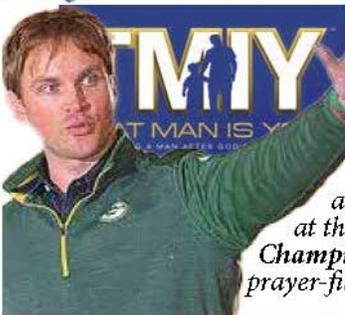
**Pray with children or as a family.** - If you are a parent, grandparent, godparent, or teacher share your faith with the children in your lives by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together, and don't forget about family mealtime prayers.

**Start doing something that will last after Lent** - Perhaps the best advice is to use Lent as a time to instill habits that will last long after the six weeks have ended, and don't try to do all of the above. Choose to do one or two of these things in order to more fully experience the pilgrim journey and to "Walk with Jesus" toward Easter during this Lent - 2024.

Adapted from: Loyola Press. "40 ways to Celebrate Lent", 2021 online  
~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6



**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**

**HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
**EMMAUS MEAL:** St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns Social Justice Committee members will once again be serving an 'Emmaus Meal' on **Saturday, March 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** They are seeking volunteers to help serve that meal (held at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Ave., Sheboygan) and/or to provide desserts. If you are available to bake or offer a few volunteer hours, please contact Sharon Reilly (920-980-9622) or sign up on the board at the church in the Gathering Space area. Thank you!

**GREAT MARRIAGES: FINDING BALANCE IN WORK & LIFE:** On **Tuesday, February 20 from 6:00 -7:00 pm** in the St. John Evangelist Parish Church Hall. Registration Required through Great Marriages at [www.great-marriages.org/events](http://www.great-marriages.org/events). This event is about helping people identify what's really important in their lives, identify their different roles, and then create a strategy to find balance. Participants will receive a copy of a time management calendar to use as a template! The speaker will be Pastor Andy Shanholtz and the cost is \$5/person (includes materials & snacks).

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH 23rd ANNUAL PERCH FRY:** Holy Trinity Parish (11928 Marken Road, School Hill) will be hosting their 22nd annual perch fry on **FISH FRY 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.



**AMERICAN LEGION SOUP EXTRAVAGANZA:** **Sunday, February 25 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm** at 40 Stafford Street, Plymouth. Dine in or carry outs available. Enjoy chili, baked potato or chicken and dumpling soup with cheese and crackers. Assorted bake goods available.



**Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi cordially invites you to the**  
**2024**

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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**

*Brookfield Conference Center • Brookfield, Wisconsin*

# Dear Padre,

***I am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?***

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church. ●



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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	Gn 9:8-15
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Compassion means “to suffer-with-another.” Jesus’ heart manifests God’s paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean” (Mark 1:41-42). God’s mercy overcomes every barrier....***

**ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

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