

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 10, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

**"But whoever
lives the truth
comes to
the light,"**

John 3:21

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:



This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called **Laetare Sunday**. You will notice that the priest's vestments are rose/pink colored. This lighter and brighter color reminds us that we are about halfway through Lent, our time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It also marks a shift in our readings and the tone of our celebrations. At weekend Mass, the readings shift from focusing on our own conversion to focusing more on Jesus as He prepares to go to Calvary to be crucified.

This halfway mark in the Season of Lent gives us an opportunity to examine our habits of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that we took up at the start of Lent. We might ask: Am I remaining faithful to those Lenten resolutions? Did I have unreasonable expectations? Do I need to make some adjustments to those resolutions? Do I need to restart those habits that I committed to?

Laetare Sunday gets its name from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass in Latin: *Laetare, Ierusalem, et conventum facite, omnes qui diligetis eam...* (The Entrance Antiphon is scriptural verse sung, usually with a Psalm, at the beginning of Mass. We often use a hymn in its place.) In English the full meaning is: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." This comes from Isaiah 66:10-11. It reminds us to rejoice, even during Lent, and to be glad, even when we have sorrow or loss in our lives.

In the Gospel the Sunday we hear the reason that we can be glad – even when we find the Cross in our lives. Jesus says one of the most famous lines in all of the Gospels: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16) Whenever we feel overwhelmed or bogged down by challenges or difficulties, we ought to remember that God sent his own Son, Jesus, into the world to suffer and die because **God has loved the world, and that includes each and every one of us.**

Through prayer, study, and reflection, we can come to know **that we are loved by God!** This changes everything in our lives. This gives purpose and meaning to trials and suffering. This gives us the encouragement to love members of our families even when it is most difficult. At times it also demands that we make changes in our lives and turn away from sin and bad habits. This is not just a warm and fuzzy sentiment, but something that must determine all that we do and say because - WE ARE LOVED BY GOD.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent. Stations will be offered at 1:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish and 5:15 pm at St. John Evangelist Parish.

St. John's Leaders:

March 8 & 15: Bill McGinnis

March 22: Teresa Bettag

2024 Lenten Almsgiving: Anchor of Hope hosted the first **Vision Tour** on Wednesday, February 14. These quarterly open house events are intended to provide a greater understanding of the ministry from an operations standpoint and to introduce supporters to key staff members. Meeting times start at 5:30 PM and are brief, ending at 7:00 PM. The next Vision Tour will be Wednesday, May 8. Email LeeAnn to RSVP at l.fowler@anchorofhopewi.org. **Lenten Almsgiving thru March 2/3: \$17,374.00** ~Sharon Reilly, Human Concerns Social Justice Committee

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 9	St. John's	4:00 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 10	St. John's	9:00 am	†Krystin Harrington by Travis & Lori Lee
Sunday	March 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Therese Weber by Family, †Dick Vanden Wymelenberg by Liz Holtz
Tuesday	March 12	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Sr. Judine by Donna Plageman
Tuesday	March 12	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Joan Otto by John & Dorothy Kimme
Wednesday	March 13	St. John's	7:00 am	†Tom Dombrowski by Family
Thursday	March 14	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Jerzy & Nora Salata by Warren & Helen Leider, †Leonard & Margaret Tomczyk by Nancy Matthews
Friday	March 15	St. John's	7:00 am	†George, Beatrice, & Ed by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Saturday	March 16	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann and Thomas McPherson by Family, †Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad, †Edwin & Delores Sabel and Jane Ornelas by Family
Sunday	March 17	St. John's	9:00 am	†Roy Ebben Family by Ken S., †Jerald Greco by Family
Sunday	March 17	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, March 16 at 2:30 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, March 10 from 7:30 to 8:45 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR MARCH 17	
MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Elizabeth Steger Charlotte B.
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Dave & Diane Hart
Greeters	Peter Bustos



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12 HOURS of
Reconciliation

On **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

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Scan the code for more information.

12 HOURS OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. Peter Claver Parish (1439 South 12th Street Sheboygan) on **Tuesday, March 19** from **8:00 am until 8:00 pm**. Multiple priests will be available to hear Confessions throughout the day.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

2:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

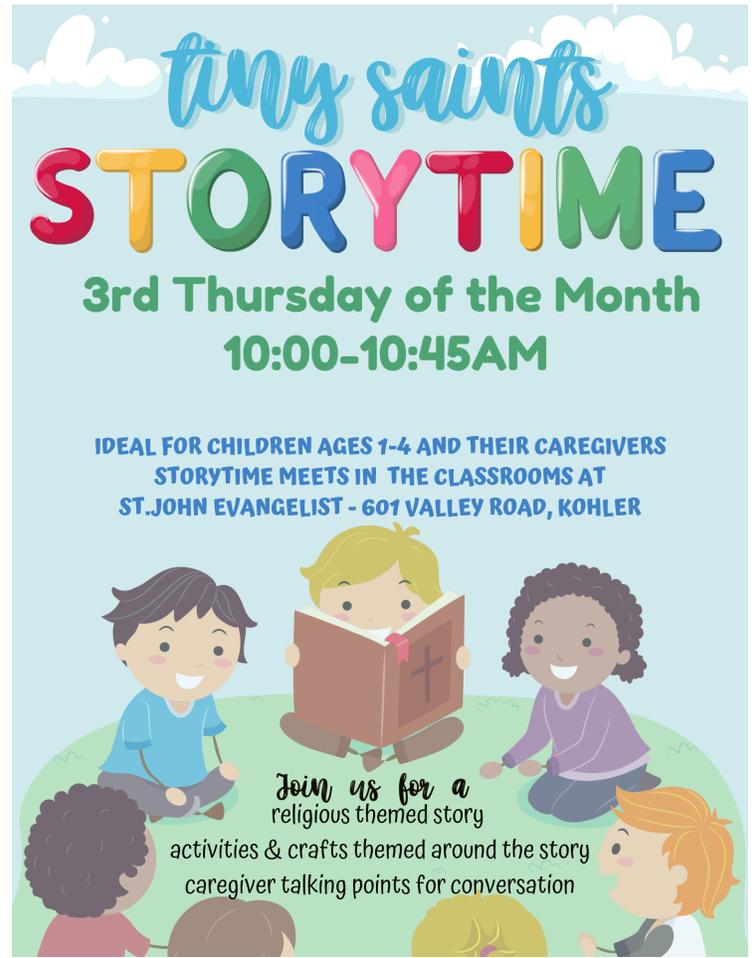
6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
2:00 pm Bible Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 am Mass
5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

7:30 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



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STORYTIME
3rd Thursday of the Month
10:00-10:45AM

IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
STORYTIME MEETS IN THE CLASSROOMS AT
ST. JOHN EVANGELIST - 607 VALLEY ROAD, KOHLER

Join us for a
religious themed story
activities & crafts themed around the story
caregiver talking points for conversation

Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation
invites you to

Young Adult Mass & Social at King Park

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass in the King Park Pavilion followed by food and games! Bring a side to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.

Date:

Saturday, April 27

Time:

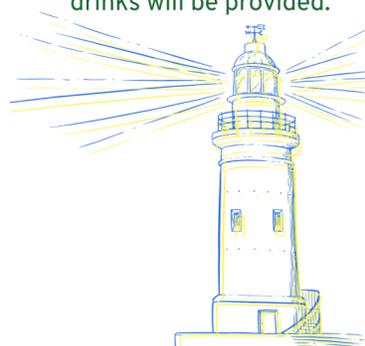
6:30 PM Mass
Social to follow

Location:

King Park Pavilion
1615 S. 7th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Questions:

Contact Jacqueline at
jguilbeault@sjbplymouth.org



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VEGETARIAN - \$7

Dinner includes walleye, coleslaw, applesauce,
bread, homemade dessert, a choice of
noodles, American potato salad or chips

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

	St. John Evangelist	Blessed Trinity
Palm Sunday Mass	Saturday, March 23: 4:00 pm Sunday, March 24: 8:30 am	Sunday, March 24: 10:30 am
Holy Thursday Mass (After Mass, 1 Hour of Eucharistic Adoration)	Thursday, March 28: 7:00 pm	
Good Friday Service		Friday, March 29: 1:30 pm
Holy Saturday Mass/ Easter Vigil		Saturday, March 30: 7:45 pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday, March 31: 6:45 am 8:30 am	Sunday, March 31: 10:30 am

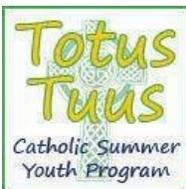
IMPORTANT MASS CHANGE & UPDATE: The elevator at Blessed Trinity is set to be replaced beginning on **Monday, April 1 (tentatively through June 10)**. Due to this work, the daily Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be moved to St. John Evangelist Parish beginning on **Tuesday, April 2**. Additional information:

- The Tuesday and Thursday Mass time will change to **8:00 am** (currently it is at 9:00 am).
- Tuesday Rosary will begin at 7:30 am.
- Thursday Adoration at St. John Evangelist Parish will begin at **8:30 am** (immediately following the Mass). Note: The church will still be open beginning at 5:45 am for private prayer on Thursdays.



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 March 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.

LEN **COMING TOGETHER: GOD'S PLAN AND MY PLAN BY FR. BOB LOTZ:**
Will be held on **Tuesday, March 12 from 6:00-7:30 pm** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. It's sometimes difficult to see how one's personal life, family responsibilities and professional demands can be connected with the spiritual aspirations and goals of a life of faith. This session is a call to "alignment", seeing how God's Plan and your own plan can be integrated into a whole and holy blend.



Grades 1-6 and 7-12 Summer Vacation Bible School: Totus Tuus is taking place here at St. John Evangelist Parish from **June 23-28**. More information and Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space at the entrance of the Church or on the St John Evangelist website. Registration Fees: \$20.00 per student Grades 1-6, \$20.00 per student / Grades 7-12, \$10 per student. Fees increase after April 1. For more information contact: Jeanne Bitkers, DRE 4K-Grade 6 jeanne@btsje.org or call the Parish Office 920-452-9623.

Lent 2024: Adoration - Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.:



Eucharistic adoration is the practice of praying before Jesus in the form of the Eucharistic host. The host may be exposed in a special vessel known as a monstrance or reserved in a tabernacle. (The tabernacle is the place where the Eucharistic hosts are kept after the celebration of Mass. It is marked by a nearby light or candle.)

Some might wonder why Catholics practice devotion to the Eucharist since God is present always and everywhere. While it is true that we can pray to God anywhere, the Eucharist holds a privileged place in Christian worship because in it, Christ is fully present: body and blood, soul and divinity (Catechism #1374).

Many Catholic parishes, such as St John Evangelist Parish have adoration before the exposed Eucharist on a weekly basis. Here, at St. John's adoration takes place every Thursday from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. Individuals are invited to sign up for a regular hour; however, adoration is also open to anyone who wants to come and spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Meditative prayers, contemplative practices, and silent conversations with Jesus are common as is saying the rosary. Some people write in a prayer journal or bring a Bible or other inspirational reading, but Eucharistic adoration can also be as simple as just sitting and soaking up God's love in the presence of Jesus.

Recalling Jesus' command to "let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14), many Catholic parents bring even very young children, including infants and toddlers, to Eucharistic adoration for short periods of time, and Pope Benedict XVI recommended that children be taught to appreciate spending time in the presence of the Eucharist as part of their preparation for First Communion (Sacramentum Caritatis #67).

During the remaining days of this Lenten Season consider making at least one visit to the Blessed Sacrament alone or with children or others. Adoration can be before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance or reserved in the tabernacle. The Church does not assign an essential difference between the two. Your visit can be very short—maybe ten or fifteen minutes. If this becomes a regular practice for you and/or your family, you can gradually increase the time.

Eucharistic Adoration is held at St. John's on Thursdays, but you are always welcome to stop in and pray before Jesus in the tabernacle. St John Evangelist Church is also open every weekday until noon. Many blessings as we continue to walk together during this Holy Season - Lent 2024!

Adapted from: Our Sunday Visitor. "How to do Eucharistic adoration with kids", teaching catholic kids.com

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6

FINANCIAL: MARCH 3, 2024: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$1,874.00.

In the photos below our Grade 2 students who are getting ready to receive the Eucharist for the first time on May 5th and their parents are each making their own monstrance while learning more about the real presence of Jesus, body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers, and if you have time come to the Religious Education wing to see the monstrance that each Grade 2 student has made. They are hanging on the wall next to the Grade 2 classroom.



Stations of the Cross for Young Children: There will be two opportunities during the Lenten Season for children and their families to pray the Stations of the Cross at St. John Evangelist Parish. Join Fr. Schmeckel as he leads the Stations on **Friday, March 15 at 9:00 am** and **Wednesday, March 20 at 4:00 pm** with our First through Sixth Grade Religious Education students. Parents are encouraged to join their children for the Stations of the Cross. Parishioners are welcome at either time. These are wonderful opportunities to enrich your Lenten journey with the children of our parish.



The 4K-Grade 6 Religious Education Lenten theme this year is "Walking with Jesus" and our students and families are giving and collecting new socks (any size) to be given to those in need. It is not too late to donate. Collection baskets are in the Religious Education wing and in the Gathering Space. All socks will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul after Easter.

Dear Padre,

In the Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The “respectability” of the location or publisher doesn’t matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo’s intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn’t arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: “Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity.... The sin of pornography needs the Lord’s forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord’s mercy and his power to free and heal you.” ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If God is the God of life...

then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace...

then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.

If God is the God of love...

then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021



MONDAY

March 11
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17–21
Jn 4:43–54

TUESDAY

March 12
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1–9, 12
Jn 5:1–16

WEDNESDAY

March 13
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8–15
Jn 5:17–30

THURSDAY

March 14
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7–14
Jn 5:31–47

FRIDAY

March 15
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12–22
Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

SATURDAY

March 16
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18–20
Jn 7:40–53

SUNDAY

March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31–34
Heb 5:7–9
Jn 12:20–33

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