

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



NOVEMBER 17, 2024 THIRTY-THIRDSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday.....4:00 pm

Sunday.....9:00 am

Wednesday & Thursday.....6:45 am

1st Fridays.....7:00 am

1st & 3rd Fridays:

Pine Haven 10:00 am

2nd & 4th Fridays:

Prairie Crossing 10:00 am

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Hours: Monday–Thursday

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

7:00 - 11:00 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. Become a Catholic
5. Any other questions or concerns

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Thursdays at 6:25 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays: 6:00 - 6:45 am &

Immediately following 7:00 am Mass

Sundays: 8:00 - 8:45 am

2nd & 4th Saturdays: 3:00 pm

Readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

*"... when you see these
things happening,
know that*

*He
Is
Near,
at the gates."*

Mark 13:29

St. John's Feast Day and Beyond!

There are many traditions in a parish that rise and fall throughout time. Traditions grow to meet the needs and sensibilities of parishioners for a given time and when they do that, they flourish. When needs, sensibilities, times, and people change, new traditions grow, and to make room for new traditions other traditions fade. In my first months here I have seen a lot of the needs, sensibilities, and people who are present, and I have heard a lot of stories about how things once were. As a newcomer it was clear to me that the stories told don't match up to the needs, sensibilities and people who are present here today in our parish. These stories don't accurately portray our parish as it stands, but they are filled with love, devotion, and connection to history and the parish they have come to love.



One of the traditions that has waned in the past years in our St. John Evangelist Parish has been Winterfest. The stories of the entire parish gathering for a brat fry on a Sunday. Smoking, raffling, socializing, and gathering all day are wonderful, but none of the story tellers were referring to a Winterfest in the last 10 years. They were telling stories of Winterfests from decades past. Recently volunteers have been harder to find, and many that volunteer related to me that they felt burnt out. Attendance of parishioners was dwindling and the hours that Winterfest ran continued to recede. I can see the history of the changes on the sign that's kept in the rectory garage. The idea of changing or doing something different was occurring with previous priests well before I even arrived. Winterfest no longer has the luster that it did in previous years. After talking to volunteers, those who were heading up the project, and the pastoral council, I decided to discontinue Winterfest and try something new in its place.

Consulting with the pastoral council and others in the parish, I have decided to try and match the sensibilities of the parishioners with a new event, the celebration of St. John the Evangelist's feast day. The patronal feast day, or the feast day of the saint we take as our patron, St. John, is the third most important celebration of our year. Easter and Christmas are celebrated highly, but we don't have a special place for our own patron for which our parish owes much! This year on St. John's feast day, December 27th we are going to have a 9:00 AM Mass here at St. John's decked to the nines, and we are going to host a "fancy brunch" in the basement of the Church. There will be a small silent auction to accompany the brunch, and we will have mimosas and other champagne cocktails that I am so looking forward to bartending. St. John is a patron of wine, and we should celebrate it fittingly!

I know this transition is difficult for those who have memories of the excitement and fun that was Winterfest. The reality I saw in the volunteers was that it was an increasingly large amount of effort for decreasing gain. Winterfest hasn't been the event we want it to be for a while now and that is something that is difficult to grieve. Instead of watching Winterfest decline, I want to try something new to give us a chance to form a new tradition that will elicit the ardor and love of the memories here and now. Celebrating our patronal feast day is an opportunity to form a new tradition that will support the needs and sensibilities of the people who are here and I'm excited to give it a shot! Let me know if you have any questions, and know I am always happy to talk about your concerns. If you want to volunteer to help in any capacity, let me know too!

Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | November 16 | Blessed Trinity | 4:00 pm | †Victor & Helen Kampmann and Thomas McPherson by Family, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children |
| Sunday | November 17 | St. John's | 9:00 am | Mass for Parishioners |
| Sunday | November 17 | Blessed Trinity | 10:30 am | †Walter & Lucille Guse by Bob & Linda Guse, †Fr. Joseph Dominic's Parents by Jim & Sandy Jordan |
| Monday | November 18 | Blessed Trinity | 8:00 am | Deceased Members of the Plate Family by Randy & Ann Reineking |
| Tuesday | November 19 | Blessed Trinity | 12:10 pm | †Pearl Vogds by Family |
| Wednesday | November 20 | St. John's | 6:45 am | Deceased Members of the Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner |
| Thursday | November 21 | St. John's | 6:45 am | †Dian & Jerome Fuhrmann by Udovich Family |
| Friday | November 22 | Prairie Crossing | 10:00 am | Special Intention for Staff & Residence at Prairie Crossing |
| Friday | November 22 | Blessed Trinity | 12:10 pm | †Joan Otto by John & Mary Jo Widder |
| Saturday | November 23 | St. John's | 4:00 pm | †George Mott by Benishek Family |
| Sunday | November 24 | St. John's | 9:00 am | †Janet Hueppchen by Kathy Moehring |
| Sunday | November 24 | Blessed Trinity | 10:30 am | Mass for Parishioners |

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered on **Saturday, November 23** from **3:00 - 3:40 pm** at St. John Evangelist Parish.

LAY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 23/24

| MASSES | Saturday, 4:00 pm | Sunday, 9:00 am |
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| Lector | Evan Udovich Carter Udovich | Justin Spaeth Hollyann B. |
| Servers | Volunteer Volunteer | Volunteer Volunteer |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Judy Loth | Clyde or Sharon Kometer |
| Ushers | Ken Udovich Randy Miller | John Multer Volunteer |
| Sacristan | Connie Katchkey | Diane & Dave Hart |

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Beau Christian, son of Matthew and Pahoua Stromberg was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, November 10. Please pray for him.



EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 - 8:40 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass (Choir Sings)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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, NOVEMBER 21

6:45 am Mass
7:15 am - 8:00 pm Adoration
9:30 - 10:15am Tiny Saints Storytime
2:00 pm Bible Study
8:00 pm Benediction

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

3:00 - 3:40 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 - 8:40 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

FINANCIAL: NOVEMBER 9/10:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,814.80.

tiny saints
STORYTIME
3rd Thursday of the Month
9:30-10:15AM

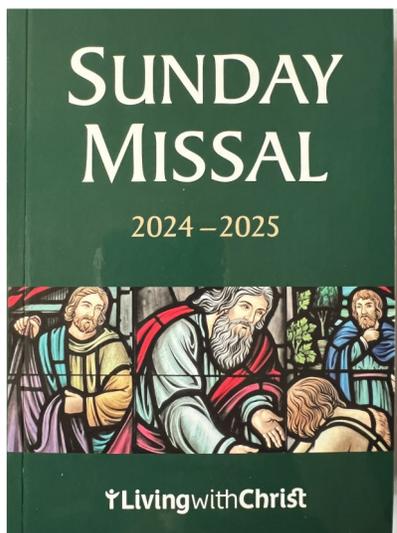
IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
STORYTIME MEETS IN THE CLASSROOMS AT
ST. JOHN EVANGELIST - 601 VALLEY ROAD, KOHLER

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



MISSION SOCIETY: The Mission Society is seeking donations of **COTTON BROADCLOTH** fabric. The fabric needed should be a minimum of 1 1/5 yards by the width of the yardage on the bolt. Any color or pattern is fine. Thank you.

Everyone is welcome to join the Mission Society. Members make quilts on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11:00 am in the lower level quilting room.



NEW SUNDAY MISSAL: Beginning Sunday, December 1, there will not be worship aids printed. Please look for the Sunday Missal in the pew pockets. This Missal is published by Living with Christ, a monthly booklet we offer for the daily Masses. This Missal covers the 2024-2025 Liturgical year including all Sundays and Holy Days. Please do not remove them from the pews. We cannot reorder to replenish missing Missals.

33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME:

Today we celebrate the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time and as our liturgical year in the Church comes to an end, our Sunday readings lead us deeper into the mystery of the last days and the end of the world and the end of time. The words from Daniel in our first reading (12:1-3), speak of “everlasting horror and disgrace” but also that “the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament and shall be like stars.” In Mark’s Gospel (13:24-32), we hear from Jesus that “in those days after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened ...and the stars will be falling from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” In short, Jesus is talking about the destruction of Jerusalem (it’s temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.) and the end of the world, but He is also reminding us that tribulation always comes before salvation and suffering precedes redemption. In the midst of these heavy readings this week, take a look though at our Psalm response and our Alleluia verse! The latter from Luke 21:36 reminds us to “be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man” and our psalm 16:5 says “you are my inheritance, O Lord.” Jesus is reminding us that God is our only sure hope!! God is our inheritance!! We do not work for an inheritance, we only receive it and only after someone dies! It is a gift of grace and generosity. So, what do we inherit from God our father? Something infinitely more valuable than money, it is eternal life! And we inherit it through Jesus’ death and resurrection! So, what we read today is not really bleak, but good news, for if we are baptized and love Jesus and His Church, we will be prepared so we won’t be scared. But, don’t procrastinate, please say your daily prayers and maybe add a Morning Offering; go to Sunday Mass and even try a daily Mass or two; get to regular Confession; stop in at Church anytime from 6:00 am - 9:00 pm every day or on Thursdays when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament....God is here and no one wants you to get to heaven, more than He does, but He needs our cooperation to do so. There is plenty of grace available and it is amazing!! See you at Mass!

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



I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE.....As we reflect on this, we were blessed to have 19 BT & SJE members walking and praying on a beautiful Autumn Day on the sidewalks near Planned Parenthood to pray for an end to abortion, and as one sign stated so simply...**“Love Life, Choose Life”**. During the

month of October, our parishes also supported the mission of “Anchor of Hope” and “Mary’s Room” by collecting diapers for mothers and fathers who have chosen **LIFE** for their baby but who may struggle from time to time to afford something as basic as diapers. Praise be to God for your goodness and the miracle you have been to those in need—32 pkgs. of diapers which equates to 2310 diapers, almost enough for one baby for a year. We are also excited to announce that we have some scholarship applications coming in from Anchor of Hope to use the funds raised during our Lenten Almsgiving 2024. Our communities are blessed to be able to journey with scholarship winners as they improve their ability to care for their families by furthering their education. In addition, 12 parishioners from both parishes participated in packaging 147,744 meals that will feed 404 children for a year in Third World Countries during the “Feed my Starving Children Event” held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your support of Life during the month of October and as stated in the opening and closing sentences of the Prayer for Life, “O Jesus, you came that we might have LIFE—and have it in abundance. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. AMEN” ~Mary Jo Widder, Blessed Trinity Human Concerns Committee



Rocky Knoll Health Care Center 2024 Small Christmas Gifts: Please return your gift items to the marked bin in the Gathering Space by **Monday, December 2**. A complete list of items can be found in last weekend's bulletin. All gifts will then be delivered to Rocky Knoll on Tuesday, December 3 – Please do not wrap items—deliver in gift bags. Thank you for your Kindness!

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:



BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY: Will be held on **Monday, November 18** at St. John Evangelist Parish in the Lower Level Conference Room. Get ready for the holidays! Phil Waitkus, St. John parishioner, will give some tips on how to take a great picture. Bring your camera/phone if you want to practice the principles learned.

CONVERSATIONS OVER COFFEE WITH FATHER MICHAEL: Will be held on **Tuesday, November 19 from 11:00 - 11:45 am** in the Catholic Life Center meeting room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Father Michael will be discussing Family and Holidays.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS-ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Will be held on **Wednesday, November 20 from 10:00 - 11:15 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish in the Lower Level Conference Room. Watch Bishop Barron explain how St. Francis of Assisi shaped the life of the Church and changed the course of civilization.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Beginning next Friday, November 22, the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays through the end of 2024. If there is an emergency on a Friday, please contact Fr. Michael at the emergency number at 920-550-1145.

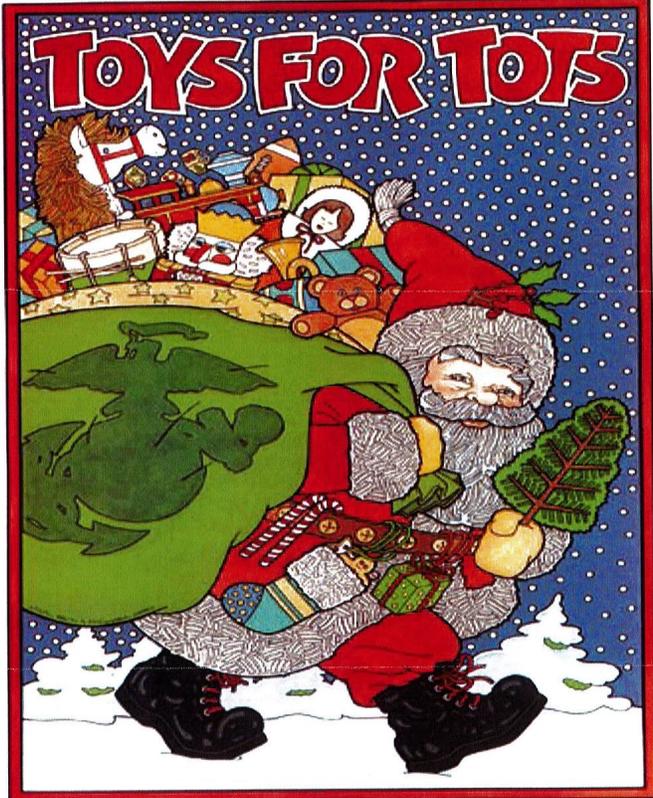
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT:

Join us for an inspiring evening with five ladies, each at a different stage of life—from young teenager to an elder—who will share a brief witness about their love, adoration, devotion, faith, and how they adore Jesus. The featured witnesses will be Lucy Kotecki, Sarah Murray, Paula Inda, Cathy Van Treeck, and Jane Cain. This Advent by Candlelight will be held on **Tuesday, December 3 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Activity Center at St. Dominic Parish (2133 N. 23rd Street, Sheboygan). There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering to benefit Anchor of Hope will be gratefully accepted.



Women are invited to participate either as a table hostess or a guest. Hostesses decorate a table for 6-8 guest, provide a dessert, and welcome those at their table. You can invite your own guests or host attendees individually. Woman and girls of all ages are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend! Registration is required by November 24. Contact Kym at the Northside Parishes for further details or to register at sheboygannorthparishes.org or leibhamk@sheboygannorthparishes.org or 920-207-0222. Space is limited so register soon.

Toys for ages 0 -17. Collected Nov. 11 - Dec.11



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Toys distributed to families across Sheboygan County the week of Dec. 16th by The Salvation Army Sheboygan 710 Pennsylvania Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081 www.SASheboygan.org

ADVENT SPEAKER



WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 11
6:15-7:45PM

**KATIE
PREJEAN
MCGRADY**



KATIE IS A WIFE, MOM, AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER, PODCASTER & DAILY RADIO SHOW HOST.



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NEW SHARED BULLETIN: Sunday, December 1 will be the first St. John Evangelist & Blessed Trinity Parishes' shared bulletin.

Due to Thanksgiving, the deadline to submit articles for the Sunday, December 1 shared bulletin is Monday, November 18 at 12:00 PM.

Please email your article to bulletin@btsje.org.

Dear Padre,

I am confused by Genesis 6:6: “The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved.” How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?

Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.” ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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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 | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| November 18 | November 19 | November 20 | November 21 | November 22 | November 23 | November 24 |
| Weekday | Weekday | Weekday | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr | Weekday | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe |
| Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5 Lk 18:35–43 | Rv 3:1–6, 14–22 Lk 19:1–10 | Rv 4:1–11 Lk 19:11–28 | Rv 5:1–10 Lk 19:41–44 | Rv 10:8–11 Lk 19:45–48 | Rv 11:4–12 Lk 20:27–40 | Dn 7:13–14 Rv 1:5–8 Jn 18:33b–37 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth.... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 14, 2021