

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH 277 E. Montello St, Montello, WI 53949

# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH 241 E 6th St. , Westfield, WI 53964

Parish Office Hours Tuesday -Thursday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Friday 8:45 AM -12:00 Noon



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	Mass Schedule	
Tuesday:	5:15 PM (Good Shepherd)	
Wednesday:	8:00 AM (St. John the Baptist)	
Thursday:	8:30 AM (Good Shepherd)	
Friday :	8:00 AM (St. John the Baptist)	
Saturday:	4:00 PM (St. John the Baptist)	
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Sunday:	8:00 AM (St. John the Baptist)	
	10:00 AM (Good Shepherd)	
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SJB:	First Friday (8:45 –9:45 AM)
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GS:	First Tuesday (4:15-5:00 PM)
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For Sa	acrament of Anointing or individual
Reconc	iliation, please call Father Savio.
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#### Parish Staff

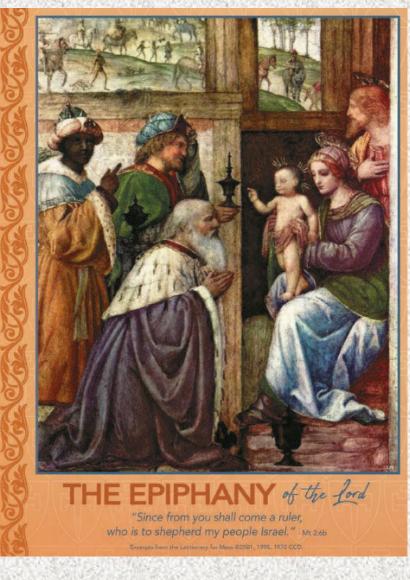
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# January 2, 2022

# The Epiphany of the Lord





# FROM THE PASTOR

### January 2, 2022 Feast of the Epiphany

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory

of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



that g us that ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE The following parishioners are celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

### Happy Birthday

1/2-Erika Alexander 1/2-Jon Polcyn 1/2-Ed Schams 1/2-Richard Szymanski 1/6-Pat Scheel 1/7-Janice Schmitz 1/8-Muriel Jones 1/8-Shari Williams



According to our records, there are no Anniversaries this week.

Please help us in keeping accurate records of your date of birth and date of marriage. If you do not see your special date listed, please contact the parish office so we may update our database. If you are celebrating a special anniversary and would like your anniversary blessed at Mass, please call the parish office.

#### **Bulletin Deadlines**

The deadline for making contributions to the <u>January 9th</u> <u>bulletin is:</u> Wednesday, January 5th at 11 a.m.



#### Go Make Disciples Corner



Blessings To All As We Begin 2022!

As Advent brought us to the beginning of Phase 2 of our Go Make Disciples Initiative, may we follow our Bishop's message to "Seek Holiness!"

Let us join together, as our GMD teams have done, in seeking the plan God has for each of us and for our parishes. May we join our voices and our hearts in prayer that we might follow the Lord, as His disciples, to mission.

Our January gathering will be January 6th at 6 pm at St. John the Baptist. Let us be open to GOD'S Plan.

Like To Register for St. John the Baptist or Good Shepherd Parish? Circle which church you are registering for
 Fill out your name and address below and place in the offertory basket.

Name	Children
Address	Phone Number

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# A Look Back at 2021:

With a new year upon us to look forward to, it is important to look back at our past year together to reflect on the many events, activities, and memories of 2021:

# January

- 01: New Year's Day Mass at GS
- 02: Go Make Disciples Teams begin monthly meetings
- 16: Funeral Service at SJB for Robert Beahm
- 19: Funeral Mass at SJB for Judy Fulmer
- 20: First Reconciliation at SJB for 2nd graders
- 23: Funeral Mass at GS for Sandy Vanderhyden
- 24: Funeral Mass at GS for Jerome "Corky" Sandahl
- 29: Birthday celebration after SJB Mass: Nan Amend and Irene Treder
- 29: Funeral Mass at SJB for David Brockup
- 30: Memorial Mass at SJB for Charles Cotter

### February:

- 14: Annual Catholic Appeal Week
- 17: Ash Wednesday
- 19: Weekly Stations of the Cross begins

CCW Lenten Projects: Crib Club (SJB); 40 Days-40 Items Food Drive (GS)

# March:

- 06: Confirmation with Bishop Hying at SJB for both SJB and GS students
- 09: Reservations for Easter services begins
- 16: Communal Penance Service at SJB
- 17: Choir resumes practices at both parishes
- 24: Communal Penance Service at GS
- 28: Palm Sunday
- 29: Holy Week begins
- 30: Chrism Mass at St. Maria Goretti

# April:

- 01: Frontline Workers recognized at Holy Thursday Masses
- 01: Choir and congregational singing resumes for Holy Week
- 02: Good Friday service celebrated at both churches
- 03: Easter Vigil Masses at both churches
- 04: Easter Sunday Masses at both churches
- 15: In person Mass resumes at Harris Villa
- 16: In person Mass resumes at Montello Care Center
- 17: Return to receiving Communion at the altar
- 25: First Communion students on retreat
- 26: Father Savio celebrates his ordination

# May:

02: First Holy Communion at SJB: James O'Donnell, Wyatt Wolsdorf, Lydia Lichtenberg, Clayton Lehman

- 02: May Crowning of Mary
- 10: Tuckpointing Project begins at SJB
- 11: St. Ann's CCW honors Tina Schoebel at potluck
- 16: Baptism of Haddie Rose Campion, daughter of Ryan and Liz Campion at SJB
- 22: Children's offertory resumes
- 29: Baptism of Alayna Budzynski
- 31: Happy Retirement, Tina Schoebel

### <u>June:</u>

- 02: Father McNamee's 48th Anniversary Priesthood
- 06: Baptism of Hugo Hoffmann, son of Alex & Emily Hoffmann at SJB
- 06: Farewell Receptions for Tina at both churches
- 12: All Covid-19 Guidelines lifted
- 19: Funeral Mass at GS for Evelyn Marcelain
- 25: Funeral Mass at GS for Scott Lloyd
- 25-27: Choir Retreat at Jordan Lake: both churches
- 28: Soup & Sandwich open dining resumes at GS

# <u>July:</u>

- 03: Funeral Mass at GS for Stefania Bucierka
- 03: Funeral Mass at SJB for Ed Scharenberg
- 09-11: CCW Booth at Marquette County Fair
- 14: Soup & Sandwich open dining resumes at SJB
- 24: Memorial Mass at SJB for Gretchen Hopfinger
- 31: Fr. Vellappallil, Mission Priest, visits both churches

# <u>August:</u>

- 01: Welcome Briana Enger, our new DRE
- 01: SJB Pews refurbished by Joe Schoebel
- 21: SJB Parish Picnic at City Park
- 29: GS Parish Picnic at Pioneer Park

# September:

- 15: Faith Formation classes begin at both parishes
- 18: Marriage Mass at SJB for Kaylee Griffin & Matthew O'Connell
- 19: Baptism of Nathan Ast at GS
- 19: Catechetical Sunday blessing
- 19: Fellowship following Sunday Youth Mass resumes

19: Birthdays for 90+ parishioners recognized at Fellowship (Helen Hughes, Delilas Christensen, Arlene Mashack at SJB)

Following so many cancelled and postponed activities, 2021 saw the return to many of our normal events beginning with our Easter season. Still, we continue to experience the effects of the Covid viruses in our communities, sometimes closing our Masses to visitors at Harris Villa and the Care Center. We continue to pray for an end to this pandemic in our world.

Stay tuned for the rest of our 2021 calendar of activities listed in next week's bulletin. In Christ, Father Savio

Look at our bulletin or bulletins from other churches on line at www.seekandfind.com or www.parishesonline.com JANUARY 2, 2022



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Mission Statement

"We, the Marquette County Catholic community of St. John the Baptist parish in Montello, Evangelize, Catechize and Serve pastorally, financially and spiritually through the Sacraments, through the word of God and Holy Eucharist and through the imitation of our Blessed Mother Mary, our spiritual mother."

### St. John the Baptist Contribution Information:

December 18 & 19, 2021	
Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 2,921.00
On Line Donations	\$ 425.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Liturgical Environment	\$ 225.00
Year-to-date Contributions	
Amount Needed Weekly	\$ 3,269.23
YTD Contributions Received:	\$ 87,516.78
YTD Contributions Needed:	\$ 81,730.75
Difference:	\$ 5,786.03

Thank you for your contribution! God Bless You!

#### Parish Necrology

Please remember in your prayers Jean Hanson, the sister of Judy Lalor who passed away on December 22nd. May Jean's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



#### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

St. John's Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, January 4th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all parishioners to attend.

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of Jay's passing. Thank you Fr. Savio for the beautiful Mass and eulogy, along with Fr. Rich, Gary and Bob for their services, Steve, Eileen, and Kandice for the beautiful music, Pauline, Jeff, all those that donated food, and all those behind the scenes that helped in any way. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful Church family. May God bless each of you.

#### Karen Smith and Family

# Calling All Women: January 11, 2022

Please plan to join St. Ann's CCW at 1 pm on Tuesday, January 11 for our meeting.

### Upcoming Ministers' Schedule

Saturday 1/8- 4 p.m.: Bob Treder Sunday 1/9- 8 a.m.: Zach Donarski-Domer Luke Radzikinas



# Lector:

Saturday 1/8- 4 p.m.: Bernie Utter Sunday 1/9- 8 a.m.: Dennis Doll <u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</u> Saturday 1/8- 4 p.m.: Al Chmielewski Sunday 1/9- 8 a.m.: Gary Bluhm <u>Ministers of Hospitality:</u> Sat 1/8- 4 p.m.: Joe Konrath, Al Chmielewski, Jeff Kidd, Mary Brockup (G) Sun 1/9-8 a.m.: Danny Lalor, Paul Radzikinas, Paul Kearns, Holy Name (G)

#### Xavier Mission Team Hype Night!

- Wednesday, January 26th from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- At St. John the Baptist Parish
- 6th Grade-Confirmation (only)

Join the Xavier Mission Team of the Diocese of Madison for a fun night of games, prayer, and inspiration, as they help our middle school through high school teens discover answers to some of the

biggest questions in life - Why are we here? What does God think of us? St. John the Baptist will have regular classes for 2nd through 4th Grade. This program does not include dinner.



### Youth Adoration in the Padre Pio Chapel...

Wednesday, January 5 from 5:15pm – 7:30pm. Adoration is also open to the public.

**Eucharistic Adoration January 7th** Please join us for prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament following our morning Mass on Friday, January 7th and concluding with Benediction at 9:45 a.m. Reconciliation will be available during Adoration.





# Good Shepherd Catholic Church Mission Statement

"We, the Marquette County Catholic community of Good Shepherd parish in Westfield, Evangelize, Catechize and Serve pastorally, financially and spiritually through the Sacraments, through the word of God and Holy Eucharist and through the imitation of our Blessed Mother Mary, our spiritual mother."

**Upcoming Ministers' Schedule** 

Good Shepherd Contribution Information: December 18 & 19, 2021 Envelopes & Offertory \$ 1,874.25 On Line Donations \$ 200.00 \$ Christmas 50.00 \$ Liturgical Environment 275.00 Year-to-date Contributions Amount Needed Weekly \$ 2,384.62 YTD Contributions Received: \$ 60,779.66 YTD Contributions Needed: \$ 59,615.50 Difference: \$ 1.164.16

Thank you for your contribution! God Bless You!

### Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary Lamp at Good Shepherd continues to burn for the intention of the Stained Glass Window Committee Members.

### **Confirmation Prayer Partners Needed**



We are still seeking Prayer Partners for our Confirmation Students at Good Shepherd. Prayer Partners will write to and pray for those students from December-May and September-November. If you would like the opportunity to be involved in a young

person's faith journey, please contact Briana Enger at the parish office or by email at sjbreled01@gmail.com. We still need 4 more Prayer Partners. Thank you!

Words of Wisdom from Pope Francis "But what took place singularly in Mary also takes place in us spiritually, when we receive the Word of God with a good and sincere heart and put it into practice. It is as if God takes flesh within us; He comes to dwell in us, for



he dwells in all who love Him and keep His Word."

Servers: Saturday 1/8 - 5:30 p.m.: Grace Peebles Hayden Russell Sunday 1/9- 10 a.m.: Rayna LaVia Eli Goodwin Lector: Saturday 1/8- 5:30 p.m.: Ralph Christensen Sunday 1/9- 10 a.m.: John Martin

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 1/8 5:30p.m.: Paula Christensen Sunday 1/9- 10 a.m.: Peg Szymanski Ministers of Hospitality: Sat 1/8- 5:30 p.m.: Bob Vanderhyden, Sheena Collins

Sun 1/9– 10 a.m.: Larry Manzetti, Steve Thompson

Eucharistic Adoration January 4th You are invited to sit in the presence of the Lord in prayer and reflection on Tuesday, January 4th beginning at 4:15 pm at Good Shepherd church. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5 pm before our 5:15



Mass. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during Adoration.

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Good Shepherd 2nd grade through 4/5th grade will meet from 5:30pm-6pm at Good Shepherd Parish due to travel for the families with children in multiple grades.

This program does not include dinner.



# We lift up those who have requested the healing grace of God Please pray for them

St. John the Baptist

Mark Kersky Brittany Pirc Katy Rannow Dennis Dubiel Roger Kuphal Wayne Wegner Thomas Donahue Bob Knickerbocker Ron Alexander John Campion Ginny Longtin Eileen Niven Phyllis Kohnke Good Shepherd Bonnie Seifert Marge Schulte Bob Wojtas Christine Vander Velde Clark Wagner Bernie Weber Maria Willms Donna Folstrom Arlene Pozdolski Katherine Williams



As well as: Pam Bautch, Isaiah Bartz, Michael Gerdes, Chip Kidd, Bernadette Sharpe, Elizabeth Vickers, Regina Lauren Lee, Michelle Buyatt, Arvid Mathison, Ron Maier, Betty Dennison, Samantha Wais, Jeff Freye, Dorothy Anderson, Lucy Schroeder, Tim Anderson.

If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please call the parish office.

# PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Parker WassonRichard CarterBrian BallwegShawn FieldsMitchell PowellJessica BallwegJeremy AhlstromDaniel AhlstromChristopher Ahlstrom

Brooke Stibbe Matthew Pirc StephenPollie Chad Roum Tony Church

# Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29 -30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Mass Intentions

Monday, January 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus Tuesday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious GS 5:15 p.m. † Betty Ruettiger by Mary Brockup

Wednesday, January 5-St. John Neumann, Bishop SJB 8 am: † Vincent Longo by Joe & Tina Schoebel

Thursday, January 6-St. André Bessette, Religious GS 8:30 a.m.: † Mary Diana Sabaj by Raymond & Rose Schoenfeld

Friday, January 7-St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest SJB 8 a.m.: † Charlie & Barb Cotter by Karen Smith

Saturday, January 8SJB: 4 p.m. St. John the Baptist & Good Shepherd parishioners
GS 5:30 p.m.: † Sandy Vanderhyden by Bob Vanderhyden
Sunday, January 9-The Baptism of the Lord

SJB 8:00am: † Francis Becwar by St. Ann's CCW GS 10:00 am: † Dolores Thompson

by Keith & Sue Wohlfert

#### **Offering Mass Intentions**

Offering Mass for a special intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the parish office to schedule your intention.



The Mass stipend is \$10. Please make checks payable for intentions at either parish to St. John the Baptist Parish.



# Upcoming Events January 4:

GS-Adoration:4:15-5 p.m. SJB-Pastoral Council: 6:30 p.m. January 6: GS-Go Make Disciples: 6 p.m. January 7: SJB-Adoration: 8:45-9:45 a.m. January 11: SJB-CCW Meeting: 1 p.m. SJB-Holy Name: 6 p.m. GS-Pastoral Council: 6 p.m.

January 12: SJB-Soup & Sandwich: 4:30-6 p.m.



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