The Baptism of the Lord | January 12, 2020

SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC PARISH

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Baptism of the Lord
From the Pastor’s Desk

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - CELEBRATE A NEW FLOOR

On Sunday, January 19, we will have a pancake breakfast after the Sunday morning Masses. This will give everyone who desires an opportunity to see the new flooring in the Church Hall. The flooring was done by STU’s Flooring out of Greenfield during the Christmas break. Thank you to all who made this a possibility. Also, the first floor hallway in the School was replaced, as well as a hallway in the Parish Rectory.

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of telephone calls, texts, and emails that appear to be from myself, or other Parish staff or Parish leaders. There has been a recent increase in this kind of activity. I will not ask for gift cards. I will not ask you to make gift card purchases on my behalf, or for staff or other Parish leaders, and then say you will be reimbursed. Please be on alert for scams similar to these. Ignore, and/or delete, any such messages.

GIVING TREE THANKSGIVING

The parish once again has been very generous with the support of the Christmas Giving Tree. This year, these outreach services were recipients of your generosity: House of Peace, Hope House, Sojourner Family Center, the St. John’s Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Storks Nest. The grand total of gifts and money donated came to $13,330. A big thank you to all who participated and a special thanks to Paul and Rosemary Fruncek and their Confirmation class, who again oversaw this outreach ministry. May God Bless you, one and all.

THINK SPRING CLEANING - CHRISTIAN WOMEN RUMMAGE SALE

In just over three months, the Christian Women will be holding their annual rummage sale. If you are downsizing, please consider donating small items for the rummage. Some of the items that are popular include holiday decorations (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, and Thanksgiving), small tools, jewelry, books, CDs, videos, records, picture frames, kids toys and games. If you do not have room to store your items, we can keep them in our shed until the rummage. Please note: we do not accept clothing, furniture, or exercise equipment.

From the School Principal’s Desk

DISCOVERY PROJECT

We are blessed with an Archdiocesan Office for Schools staffed by a team of extremely dedicated individuals who work hard to support the programming in our school. One of our favorite offerings here at SJE is the Discovery Project. This program offers quarter-long challenge classes for students in grades seven and eight who have been identified as high achievers through a set of predetermined criteria. While there are three face-to-face visit days throughout the quarter, students complete most of the work online in their classrooms here.

I am always so impressed by the feedback that I receive from these students. They are hardworking, motivated young people. They love to be challenged academically and respond positively to the opportunity to interact with like-minded seventh and eighth graders from across the Archdiocese.

Currently, we have two students participating in STEM programming at Catholic Memorial High School. They were provided with a problem to solve at the beginning of the quarter and have worked in teams to find solutions. This past week, I had the pleasure of watching these students present their projects. What a wonderful opportunity! This program really reflects the caliber of students attending our parish school. These bright young people will most assuredly be the leaders in our community someday. I so look forward to hearing where they go. It will be far; in whatever endeavors they choose. We are blessed to provide their early educational experiences.

Thank you to all who supported our third annual Home and School Cookie Walk on December 14 and 15. We sold about 125 pounds of cookies and raised more than $1,000. Whether you donated cookies or stopped by to purchase a pound or two, we are grateful to you.

We are planning our annual Catholic Schools Week Open House on Saturday, January 25 from 2:00 - 4:30pm. Have you considered our parish school for your children? Our parish school participates in both the Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Parental Choice programs, ensuring that all children have access to an exemplary Catholic education. I invite you to stop by and see what we have to offer for your child. I guarantee you will be glad you took the time to get to know us!

Wishing you every blessing in 2020.

...Go Forth and Be a Blessing!
St. John the Evangelist Parish Upcoming Events

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SEE THE NEW FLOORS!**
St. John’s is holding its first Pancake Breakfast of the year on Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 9:00am - Noon. Come and see the brand new flooring in the Church Hall! On the menu will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages, fruit, breakfast treats, coffee, juice and milk. Free-will donations are welcome.

**CORPORATE COMMUNION**
The Holy Name Society will celebrate Corporate Communion at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, January 12. Breakfast and a meeting will follow with guest speaker Michelle Peterson from Tudor Oaks Senior Living, who will speak on “Laughter is the Best Medicine,” in the Church Hall. All men 16 years and older are welcome. Fathers are encouraged to bring their sons 8 years and older. The Holy Name Society will pray the Rosary at 8:00am in the Church on Sunday, January 12. If you have any questions, please call Ron Heser at 414-448-7117.

**UNPLANNED**
Our Archdiocese is encouraging all parishes to show the movie “UNPLANNED,” the dramatic true story of a former Planned Parenthood director’s eye-opening journey across the life line to educate and draw awareness to the urgent need to pray to end abortion. This movie was first shown at St. John’s in October 2019 so if you missed it, here are two opportunities to see it in 2020. The first date is Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30pm and the second date is Thursday, January 16 at 12:30pm. The movie will be shown in the Church Hall. Those under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Please park on the lower level on the North Side and enter through Door #13. Or you can park on the South Side, and enter through Door #5. Admission is free.

**THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES**
St. John’s invites couples of all ages to “The Five Love Languages,” a pre-Valentine’s program on Saturday, February 1, 7:00pm in the Church Hall. You will hear a presentation on how the five love languages can enhance any relationship.

For more information, call Bill & Laura Lee at 414-448-7063 or sign up after Masses on January 25 & 26. Complimentary snacks, desserts, and beverages will be served.

**Nearby Parish and Community Events**

**HOLY HOUR FOR Vocations**
You are invited to join Roses for Our Lady and Deacon Frank Pemper as they pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for all of the seminarians at St. Francis de Sales Seminary on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2:00pm. They will meet in the Christ King Chapel at 3257 S. Lake Drive in St. Francis. They will also hold their annual Christmas Party and council elections following the Holy Hour. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish to pass. Visit www.rosesforourlady.org to learn more.

**WALKING THE TIGHTROPE: FINDING BALANCE IN CAREGIVING**
Mark Your Calendar: St. Anne’s Salvatorian Campus is hosting a free presentation for caregivers by Reverend Russel Hurst on Thursday, January 16 at 6:00pm. He will help caregivers understand how to find balance to serve those they care for with inner peace and strength. Complimentary caregiving services will be available at St. Anne’s for your loved one while you attend the presentation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Would you pray for a priest each day? “Be close to your priests with your affection and with your prayers that they may always be shepherds according to God’s heart.” - Pope Francis

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(St. Arnold Janssen)
Parishioner News

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Please send your announcements to rectory@stjohns-grfd.org.

Raffle Calendar Winners

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Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

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Thank you for your generous support.

When making decisions in your estate planning, please give prayerful consideration to St. John’s Parish.

Fiscal Year-to-date Information

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*Includes weekly/monthly/electronic offerings, offertory & holy day offerings.

ST. ANTHONY THE ABBOT

St. Anthony was a Christian monk from Egypt born into a wealthy family in the 3rd century. He had little interest in the luxury of worldly life, preferring prayer and meditation. When his parents died, he was just 20 years old, he distributed all of his wealth to the poor and chose to live as a hermit in a cave near his home.

For years, he struggled mightily against the temptations of the devil. After one particularly difficult battle, he saw a light appear in his cave. Knowing it was God, Anthony called out, ‘Where were you when I needed you?’ God answered, ‘I was here. I was watching your struggle. Because you didn’t give in, I will stay with you and protect you forever.’

With that kind of assurance from God, many would have been content with their lives, yet Anthony went looking for his next challenge, and moved out to live alone in the desert. There, he led a life of prayer, fasting, and manual labor. He lived to be 105. He never stopped challenging himself to go one step beyond in his faith.

We celebrate his feast day, January 17, the day he died. If you choose to follow in Anthony’s footsteps, fast for one day as he did, eating only bread and only after the sun sets. Pray to God for strength and wake up each day with a new zeal for life.

A NIGHT AT ST. JOHN’S, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Come and enjoy the food, drinks, music, raffles, and an online silent auction. There will be food stations from a variety of popular restaurants. Tickets are now available. The presale ticket price is $25, at the door, the price will be $35.

St. John’s is now accepting auction donations for this event. The following items will guarantee a successful auction:

- Electronics
- Jewelry
- Sports/outdoors equipment
- Household items
- Sports memorabilia
- Timeshares
- Spa items

You can bring your donations to the parish office during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please email SJEGive@stjohns-grfd.org.

Lighthouse CD of the Week: Purgatory: Our Forgotten Family

What is Purgatory? Does it exist? Does it matter? As professor and speaker Dr. Mark Miravalle explains, not only is the doctrine of Purgatory true, and deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, but the practice of offering prayers and sacrifices for the souls of the dead is a critically important responsibility for every member of the Body of Christ, the family of the Church.

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In Prayer: The Baptism of the Lord

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 (St. Hilary, Bishop)
8:00am †James & Patricia Boyce - Jeff Boyce

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
7:30am Mary Finn - Russ & Kay Shomperlen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
8:00am †Jeanne Scherrer - Thomas Kupczyk

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
7:30am †Rita Kontowicz - Jerome Kontowicz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 (St. Anthony, Abbot)
8:00am †Oscar Lintner - Family
†Bill Barwig - Eileen Barwig
†Tom Gehm - Maria Pierce
For the deceased members of the Gobel, Wildanges & Dilling Families - Relative/Family Member

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 (Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:00am Jacob Listiecki - Cathie
4:30pm †Lorraine Benjamin - Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30am †Jerry Kowalski - Rich & Diane Sterle
†P.O. Thomas Newman - Family
†Rod Erdelt - Family
†Ivanka Modic - Barb & Dave Hall
†Eileen Nettesheim - Larry Gellings
10:30am For the Members of St. John's Parish

This Week’s Sanctuary and Tabernacle Candles are lit for †Ruth Cunningham. To reserve candles, please visit the parish office. The cost is $3 per candle.

Parish & School Staff Directory

Website: www.stjohns-grfd.org

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School Secretary: Mary Jo Kaminski mkaminski@sje.k12.wi.us

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00am to 5:00pm
Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm
Closed Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30am

Confessions:
Friday & Saturday: 8:30am
First Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00pm

Anointing of the Sick:
First Saturday after the 4:30pm Mass

Baptism:
Third Sunday at 11:45am. Please call the parish office to schedule.
Pre-Baptismal Class is required for parents with the first child.

Marriage:
Contact the parish office at least six months before intended date of marriage.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
(RCIA)
Parish Membership:
Families and single adults (over 18) are asked to visit the parish office to register.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Use entrance along the south side of the church.

Sick & Shut-Ins:
Call the parish office to arrange for Confession and Communion.

This Week at St. John the Evangelist

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30pm SPBH Planning Meeting - Room A

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
7:30am Mass followed by St. Anthony Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
2:45pm Youth Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
7:30pm Knights of Columbus #524 Council Meeting - Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30pm Movie “Unplanned” - Hall
6:30pm Gym Unavailable

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
7:30am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
12:30pm Movie “Unplanned” - Hall
2:45pm Youth Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
6:00pm Adult Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00pm SCRIP After 4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
9:00am Religious Education Grades 1-8
9:00am Pancake Breakfast - Hall
10:30am Children’s Liturgy of the Word
11:45am Reszczynski Baptism
6:00pm Religious Education SCRIP After All Masses