I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER; HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— MK 1:8
From the Pastor’s Desk

**A COUPLES EVENT**

I am pleased to announce an event for couples who are married or engaged. It is called “The Five Love Languages.” The presentation will discuss how to strengthen and deepen your relationship through an understanding of how to “speak” your spouse’s love language.

“The Five Love Languages” is a wonderful tool to enhance any relationship but particularly with the person to whom you are married or engaged.

Join us Saturday, February 1 at 7pm in the church hall. The presenters are parishioners Bill and Laura Lee Wierzbinski. Refreshments will be served. Sign-up is after all Masses next weekend January 24/25 or feel free to call Bill or Laura Lee at 414-448-7063 for more information.

**24-HOUR PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta) often spoke about the importance of Perpetual Adoration: “We have ups and downs and sickness and suffering. That is part of the cross. Anyone who imitates Jesus to the full must share in His passion also.

That is why we need Prayer.

That is why we need the Bread of Life.

That is why we have Adoration.

That is why we do Penance.”

St. John’s is fortunate to have volunteers who come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day. Join us!

From the School Principal’s Desk

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE**

The upcoming week marks the final week of preparation before our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Hours of effort have gone into choosing appropriate ways to market our school program in the larger community, as well as within our parish. Next weekend we will welcome both current and prospective families into our building to get a feel for the way things work here. Our students will participate in weekend Masses in their uniforms, and we will all gather to “show off” who we are and what we have to offer. We welcome any parishioners, with or without children, who would like to stop by our open house. It will be held on Saturday, January 25th, between 2:00 and 4:30 PM. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the work of our parish in action, supporting our young people as they grow in faith toward adulthood lived in the fullness of their Catholic faith. We can’t wait to answer all of your questions. Take the time to get to know us. We are truly a community where students “Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed.”

...Go Forth and Be a Blessing!

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
- Spa items
- Sports/outdoors equipment
- Sports memorabilia
- Jewelry
- Household 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.

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
St. John the Evangelist Parish Upcoming Events

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School Open House
Parents and parishioners are invited to the St. John's School Open House on Saturday, January 25 from 2:00 and 4:30pm. The School has been recognized by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for both exemplary work in Curriculum and Resources (2007) and Mission and Catholic Faith (2016). The School’s educational philosophy is based upon care for the whole child: Mind, Body and Spirit. The School is now enrolling K4 - 8 students for the 2020-2021 school year. Call 414-321-8540 to set up a tour or with any questions.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus - Session 1
The first session of the Consoling the Heart of Jesus series will be held on Tuesday, January 21 at 1:00pm in Room A. During this first session, there will be an orientation and introduction and a group discussion of Part 1: Laying the Foundation, focusing on pages 17 - 46 of the book.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Lee Wierzbinski at 414-840-0261.

Nearby Parish and Community Events

Rising Stars Tutors Needed
You can make a difference in the life of a child. The School Sisters of Notre Dame believe education means helping people reach the fullness of their potential as individuals created in God’s image. Their Rising Stars Tutoring Program is in need of volunteers. You can help strengthen the reading and math skills of at-risk students in areas of urgent need. As a tutor, you will serve as a child’s role model and mentor. By helping students early in their education, you give them the building blocks they need to succeed. The only requirements are care, compassion, and patience. Your talents are desperately needed. Please call Laura Harvancik at 262-787-1018 or email Risingstars@ssndcp.org.

Are You Feeling Called to Do More?
The Saint Clare Center at Cardinal Stritch University invites parishioners to participate in its Saturday Institute, which is a non-credit program that combines theology, spirituality, and ministry that meets six Saturdays per semester. It is designed for lay Catholics who want to grow in faith and renew the Church. Students represent a wide range of adult Catholics from around the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Are you called to be one of them? Visit www.stritch.edu/SaintClareCenter or call 414-410-4353 for more information.

Unsatisfied: Finding Contentment in a Discontented World
The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to join them on Saturday, January 25, 9:00 - 11:15am, for the “Finding Contentment in a Discontented World” workshop. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, more than a third of the adult population in North America experiences anxiety-related wellness issues. Less than half will receive the quality professional care they need. Another significant portion of the population battles with feelings of not measuring up, a general dissatisfaction pandemic in our competitive society.

Take the first step to wellness and spiritual wholeness by being informed about these issues. Join the Sisters at their southside Milwaukee campus (27th & Greenfield Avenue) for this program. Author Ann C. Sullivan will be the guest speaker. The fee is $15. Send your cash or check written to: School Sisters of St. Francis Outreach Events, c/o Donna O’Loughlin, 1501 S. Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee, WI 53215. Contact doloughlin@sssf.org or call 414-385-5272 with any questions. Ample free parking is available at the St. Joseph Center lot at 29th and Orchard Streets.

A Prayer, A Story, and A Glass of Wine
Parishioners are invited to an evening with Fr. Domenic Roscioli at St. Mary Visitation Parish on Friday, February 21 at 7:00pm. You will enjoy inspirational, heartwarming, and humorous stories while sampling Holy Spirits wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Cost is $20 per person, and space is limited. Call Betsy Potter at 262-894-1184 to learn more. St. Mary Visitation Parish is located at 1260 Church Street in Elm Grove.
Parishioner News

LENTEN FISH FRY’S ARE COMING!
Join us this Lent for the “Best Catholic Fish Fry in Greenfield”. Mark your calendars, our Lenten dates are:

- Friday, February 28
- Friday, March 20
- Friday, April 10

All dates are 4:00 to 7:00pm in the Gym.

Adults - $11.00
Children (3-10 years) - $5.00
Children Under 3 - Free
All Major Credit Cards Accepted

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Pick up a copy of this CD in the Narthex. Suggested donation is $4.

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Share Your Time & Talent

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Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

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Raffle Calendar Winners

- 1/1/2020 Kim Straus $100
- 1/2/2020 Nancy or Jim Hooper $ 25
- 1/3/2020 Hanna & Jacob Silva $ 25
- 1/4/2020 Jake Jung $ 25
- 1/5/2020 Jessica Denomie $ 50
- 1/6/2020 Daniel Hanold $ 25
- 1/7/2020 Glenn Struck $ 25
- 1/8/2020 Joel Wabiszewski $ 25
- 1/9/2020 Kian Topczewski $ 25
- 1/10/2020 Marie Stelloh $ 25
- 1/11/2020 Khanh Nguyen $ 25
- 1/12/2020 Michael Kauffman $ 50

Parishioner News

CD of the Week: Abraham: Revealing the Historical Roots of our Faith

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Bulletin Deadline is Monday at Noon
Please send your announcements to rectory@stjohns-grfd.org.
In Prayer: Second Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 (St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr)
8:00am †Arlene Lindholm - Janet Melotik

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 (St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)
7:30am †Jean Trawicki - Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)
8:00am †Dorothy Bowers - SJE Staff

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 (St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr)
7:30am †Otto & Alice Wendler - Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 (St. Francis de Sales, Bishop)
8:00am Diane Sisler - Bob Hogan
†Tom Gehm - Paul & Rosemary Fruncek
For the deceased members of the Fitzgerald, Kahler & Patterson Families - Family Member
†Mary Pehl - Don & Jan Tank

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 (Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle)
8:00am †Jeanne Scherrer - Thomas Kupczyk
4:30pm For the Members of St. John’s Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30am †Josef & Theresa Smolic - Jerominski Family
10:30am Albert & Myrtle Popp & Virginia Gundrum - Lou & Mary Jo Gundrum
†Dorothy Bowers - Vern Bowers
†Tim Jurkowski - Vern Bowers
†Ivanka Modic - Judy Hurley
†Tom Dallmann - Joan Martell

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

Parish & School Staff Directory

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St. John the Evangelist Parish

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
Sick & Shut-Ins: Use entrance along the south side of the church. Call the parish office to arrange for Confession and Communion.