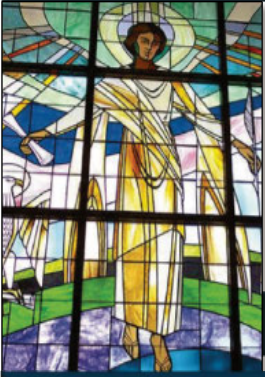


Epiphany of the Lord | January 2, 2022



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

From the Pastor's Desk



Fr. Michael

PARISHIONER NEWS

We welcome the following individuals and families to our parish: Tom Hersil and daughters Christine (Tina) and Lisa, and Mrs. Jeanne Horan.

We celebrate the children who have recently been baptized into our parish: Zoey Marie Dreyer and Charlie Rose Frelk.

And we mourn those individuals from the parish who have recently died: Kenneth Yakel, Arlene Rebatzke, John McCarron, Lawrence Felerski, and Mary Radocha.

NEW YEAR PROGRAMS

As we begin this new year, I would like to share with you some of the new endeavors our parish has begun and hope to grow over the next 12 months. The first is our Evangelization group. Parishioners have met twice to explore how we, as St. John's Catholic parish, can learn more about our Catholic faith and share it with others. Ultimately our goal is grow our parish as we strongly desire to do, by growing in faith ourselves. Secondly, under the leadership of Paul Frunceck, a group of young adults (mostly those in their early 20's) has formed. These young Catholic adults are looking for ways to grow in their own Catholic faith, and share it with other young adults. They are also seeking activities they could enjoy and engage others in their same age group. Also, this past Fall, Gary Tveten organized a group called Catholic Vote. This group of parishioners is looking at how we can educate and promote our Catholic values. This group is especially important as we enter into an election year.

There is much going on so stay tuned. In the new year, let us all grow in our love of God through prayer, worship, spiritual reading, and loving one another.



CHRISTIAN WOMEN THANK YOU

I would like to extend a hearty thank you to the Christian Women who had a tremendous success with the pre-Christmas craft sale in the first part of November. It was one of their best years ever. They have used some of their profits to help the parish in a couple of ways. One you may have noticed is a new maple wood table in the Sanctuary. It sits between the presider and deacon's chair. It is meant to hold books and papers during the liturgy. Also, the Christian Women have purchased for the parish another 28 lightweight tables that can be used for special-event dinners and in the cafeteria. They are so much easier to move about than the former heavyweight tables.

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease. The Eucharist is a priceless treasure. By not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace. From this moment on, live the Eucharist fully. Be persons for whom the Holy Mass, Communion, and Eucharistic adoration are the center and summit of your whole life."

—Pope John Paul II



St. John's is fortunate to have 24-hour Perpetual Adoration. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to stay close to God. There is currently one open hour on Sunday from 3:00 to 4:00am. If you would like to volunteer for this hour, please call Kay Shomperlen at (414) 763-1250.

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

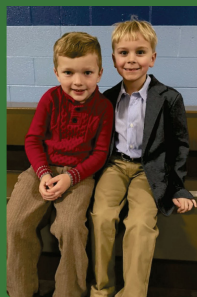
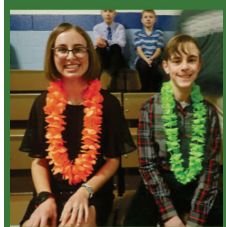
Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
Rev. Jeffrey Prasser	Rev. Ryan Pruess	Rev. John Pulice	Rev. Paul Raczynski	Rev. John Radetski	Rev. John Rausch	Rev. George Rebatzki



Ben Oberdorf

Our Christmas Concert was held December 15. Our students, staff, and Music Teacher, Mrs. Weyer, put together an outstanding show. Enjoy the pictures from the night of the show.

"Stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong."
— 1 Corinthians 16:13



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from all of us at the school!



CD of the Week: Living Joy

What are you looking for in the new year? In this presentation, Chris Stefanick addresses every human person's desire for a joyful life. Some seek joy in money, power, success or pleasure, but Jesus promised, "I have told you these things that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Do you believe that true, lasting joy is possible? Listen to this presentation to discover practical everyday steps toward a more joyful life centered on Jesus Christ

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

Free Download Inside



Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

Raffle Calendar Winners

Week ending December 17, 2021	Fiscal Year-to-date Information July 1, 2021 to December 17, 2021	12/13/2021	Jeanne Newman	\$ 25
Stewardship Offering \$16,136	Goal for Fiscal YTD \$429,890	12/14/2021	Diane Flohr	\$ 25
Offertory \$ 1,218	Amount Collected* \$407,601	12/15/2021	Rouina Caballero	\$ 25
Building Fund \$ 3,063	Difference:	12/16/2021	Sophia Rose Topczewski	\$ 25
Thank you for your generous support.	(Deficit)/Surplus (\$ 22,289)	12/17/2021	Roger Kopplin	\$ 25
When making decisions in your estate	Includes weekly/monthly/electronic	12/18/2021	Dana Erickson	\$ 25
planning, please give prayerful	offerings, offertory & holy day offerings	12/19/2021	Joan Kubczak	\$ 50
consideration to St. John's Parish.				

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Evangelist is a Roman Catholic Eucharistic community faithful to the values and traditions of the Church. We strive to live our faith every day, to embrace stewardship, and to be nurtured by continuous Christian Formation.

Parishioner News

FINDING JOY IN LUKE'S GOSPEL

St. Alphonsus Parish invites you to hear Dr. Danie J. Scholz, President of Cardinal Stritch University, speak about Finding "Joy" in Luke's Gospel on Friday, January 11, 2022 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Dr. Scholz will focus on how Luke thought about joy in the public ministry of Jesus and in the early life of the Church. He will also explain how Luke is inviting us to be people of "joy" in the new year. Dr. Scholz will speak in the Community Room at St. Alphonsus Parish, 6060 W. Loomis Road in Greendale. Please register by calling 414-421-2442 (ext. 225).

SAVE THE DATE - DINNER AND WINE TASTING

Mark your calendars and join St. Roman Parish for a Dinner and Wine Tasting on Saturday, February 12. The event will feature Fr. Domenic Roscioli's Holy Spirits Wines. Each of his eight wines, from Pinot Noir to Riesling, is associated with a Catholic Saint. Dinner will be provided by That's Amore Restaurant. The cost is \$30 per person. Please visit the parish website in the coming weeks for additional details and reservation information (www.stromans.com). The event will take place in the St. Roman Parish Betz Center which is located at 1810 Bolivar Avenue in Milwaukee.

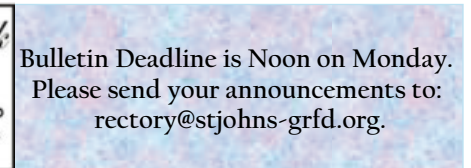
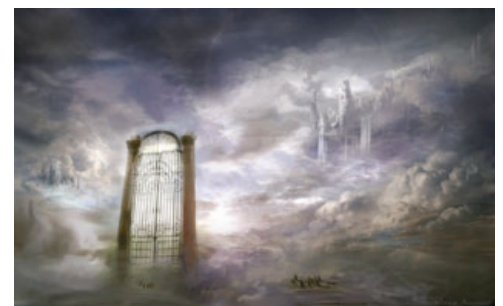
WEEKLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Make a change in your new year and join in praying for Vocations at a weekly Holy Hour held at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 5310 W. Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee. It is held every Thursday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:00pm. If you are interested in a ride to the Holy Hour, please call Jan at 414-327-0234. Come weekly or as often as you wish.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew. God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take a moment to thank Him for whatever goodness you were able to find last year, ask His forgiveness for where you may have failed, and dedicate this new year to Him, to serve Him and love Him afresh?

Oh Sacred and adored Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father, Pope Francis, our Bishops, and our clergy. Bless us, we ask, during the coming year, not only for ourselves but for the whole Catholic Church; For the nonbelievers and sinners, please soften their hearts so that they may return to Your friendship; Give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; Pour down Your blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and yes, even upon our enemies; Assist the poor and the sick, and have pity on the souls of those who have been taken from us this year; And do be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before your judgement seat. May all our actions be preceded by your inspirations and carried on with your assistance, so that all of our prayers and works that have begun in Thee, may likewise be ended in Thee. Amen.



In Prayer: The Epiphany of the Lord

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 (Holy Name of Jesus)

8:00am †Sig Tylanda - Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)

8:00am †Alice Tylanda - Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 (St. John Neumann, Bishop)

8:00am Int. of Joe & Marlene Yakel - Family

10:00am †Mary Therese Wichgers - Pamela A. Mitten-
Stencel & Steven Stencel (**Private**)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 (St. André Bessette, Religious)

8:00am †Matthias Magenheim - Anna Magenheim

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 (St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest)

8:00am †Anthony Oszewski - Pat, Lisa & Kaitlyn
Oszewski

†Judy Saunders - Steven Van Hecke

†An Un-named Soul - Gaggioli Family

†Terri Wichgers - Al & Margo Szews

†Gary Ganas - Pitcher Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00am †Robert & Mary Ann Ziolecki - Steve & Marilyn
McAdams

4:30pm †Ronald Nowak - Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 (Baptism of the Lord)

8:00am For the Int. of Fr. Michael - Bill & Laura Lee
Wierzbinski

9:30am †For the Int. of Fr. Michael on his Anniversary
- Christian Women Society

11:00am For the Members of St. John's Parish

This week's Sanctuary & Tabernacle Candles are lit for the Intention of the Topczewski Family. To reserve candles, please call or visit the parish office. The cost is \$3 each.

Parish and School Staff Directory

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This Week at St. John the Evangelist

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30pm Basketball Practice - Gym (until 7:00pm)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00am Mass followed by St. Anthony Devotion, Rosary
& Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym (until 7:00pm)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00pm Dart Ball - Gym

6:30pm Catholic Vote Meeting - Multi-Purpose Room

6:30pm Gym Unavailable

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym (until 8:30pm)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Rosary
& Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Mother of
Perpetual Help Devotion, Rosary & Divine
Mercy Chaplet

SCRIP Sales after 4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:20am Holy Name Rosary, Mass, Breakfast Meeting - Hall

11:00am Basketball Games - Gym (until 4:00pm)

2:00pm Roses for Our Lady - Church

3:00pm Roses for Our Lady - Hall

6:30pm Scouts Meeting - Hall (until 8:00pm)

SCRIP Sales after all Masses

St. John the Evangelist Parish

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

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30pm; Sunday, 8:00am,
9:30am and 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 8:00am

Confessions: Friday and Saturday: 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday of the Month 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 their first child.

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

**Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults:
(RCIA)** Adults interested in Communion,
Baptism, and/or Confirmation are asked
to contact the Religious Education office.

Parish Membership: Families and single adults (over 18) are
asked to register in the parish office.

**Perpetual Adoration of
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Sick & Shut-Ins: Call the parish office to arrange for
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