

## SAINT JOHN the EVANGELIST

### CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pastor: Very Rev. Michael F. Merkt - Deacon: Steven F. Pemper

# As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which We live. ST. JOHN PAUL II

Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:00am at St. John the Evangelist Parish

Celebrated by Archbishop Jerome Listecki

Please join us for a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

#### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ' GREENFIELD

#### From the Pastor's Desk

#### **RESPECT LIFE MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP**

A gentle reminder to join us next Saturday, January 22, as Archbishop Jerome Listecki celebrates the Diocese-wide Respect Life Mass at 9:00am. We will pray for the Right to Life for all, from the moment of conception until natural death. Because of this special Mass, there will not be an 8:00am Mass or Confessions on January 22.

Fr. Michael

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ST. JOSEPH ICON

The Knights of Columbus from the parish are hosting the traveling St. Joseph Icon. It will be in church from January 18 until January 22. If you are preparing your St. Joseph Consecration or would like to renew your St. Joseph Consecration, this would be a good time to do so. Also, if you are looking for a great Spiritual Reading book, I recommend "Consecration to St. Joseph" by Fr. Donald Calloway.

#### DECEMBER 25 MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF MEDJUGORJE

Dear children, today I am carrying my son Jesus to you, for Him to give you His peace. Little children, without peace, you do not have a future or blessings; therefore return to prayer, because the fruit of prayer is joy and faith, without which you cannot live. Today's blessing which we give you, carry to your families and enrich all those whom you meet, that they may feel the grace which you are receiving. Thank you for having responded to my call.

#### COVID-19 GUIDANCE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

In a recent note from the Archbishop, he said:

"While there has been no outbreak of COVID-19 from Mass attendance, I'd like to encourage people to exercise personal responsibility. Those who feel sick, or who are especially at risk of health complications, should stay home and watch Sunday worship on the many Masses broadcast on TV and/or live-streamed on social media until they feel comfortable returning to in-person Mass."

#### PARISH OFFICE VALENTINE'S TREE

Our Parish Office Christmas Tree has brought us all so much joy this Christmas season and many compliments from parish members and visitors. I have decided to keep the warm glow in the office for a while longer so we are transforming our Christmas tree into a Valentine tree. We will replace our many colorful ornaments with red hearts and valentine-themed ornaments. Should you have any red ornaments that you care to donate, please bring them to the parish office. Thank you.

#### 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

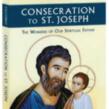
"Adoration is a prayer that prolongs Eucharistic celebration and Communion, during which the soul continues to nourish itself: it feeds on love, on truth, on peace. It feeds on hope, because He before whom we bow does not judge us, does not crush us, but liberates and transforms us. In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; Eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the Eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration. Receiving the Eucharist means adoring Him whom we receive. Only in this way do we become one with Him, and are given, as it were, a foretaste of the beauty of the heavenly liturgy. The act of adoration outside of Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself."

-Pope Benedict XVI

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

MAY YOU Would you pray for a priest each day? "Be close to your priests with your affection and with TRUST GOD your prayers that they may always be shepherds according to God's heart." - Pope Francis THAT YOU AREEXACTLY Jan. 16 Jan. 17 Jan. 18 Jan. 19 Jan. 20 Jan. 21 Jan. 22 WHERE YOU AREMEANT Rev. Rev. Rev. Rev. Pallotine Fathers Rev. Rev. TO BE Richard Rafael (St. Vincent John Robert Sergio Domenic T. THERESE Pallotti) Richetta Richter Robinson Rodriguez Rodriguez Roscioli





#### JANUARY 16, 2022 · SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Winter is here and the cold temperatures and wind chill have led to indoor recesses. Although we do use the gym for recesses when available, many days students are forced to play in their classrooms. When I announce we will be indoors for recess and which classes will be able to use the gym, there is always a loud cheer from the classrooms granted gym use. During recess in the gym, students are quite creative with the games they create. There has been hoop tag, hula hoop hopscotch, ball tag, dodgeball, netless volleyball, and hula hoop horses, among the many created games. The rules of the games seem to change each day, but the students seem to figure them out and have fun. Hopefully, warmer weather is on the way and students will

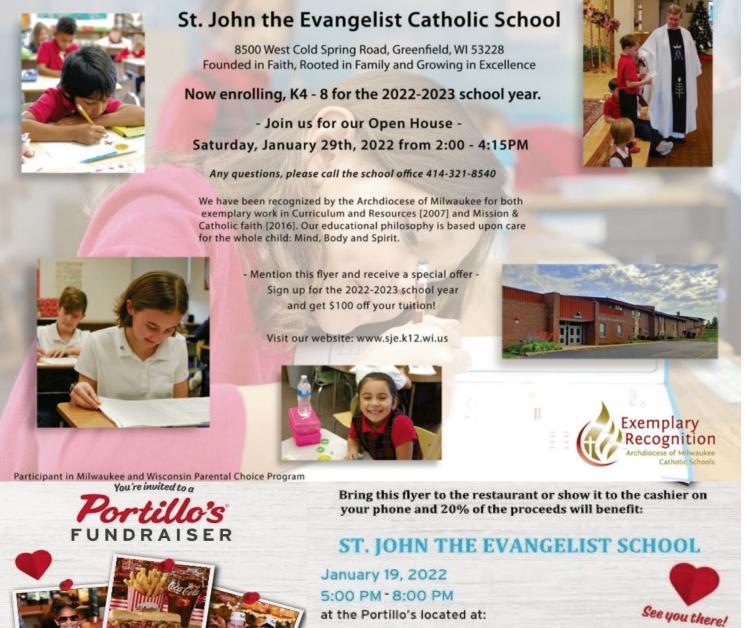
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soon be taking their creativity outside.

Catholic Schools Week starts with our open house to be held on January 29 from 2:00-4:15pm. Feel free to stop in and see our school and meet our teachers.

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



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Parish Financial Stewardship Summary			Raffle Calendar Winners	
Week ending January 7, 2022	Fiscal Year-to-date I		1/3/2022 Carol & John Schindhelm	\$ 25
Stewardship Offering \$16,348	July 1, 2021 to Janua	ary 7, 2022	1/4/2022 Tracy & Tom Nicolazzi	\$ 25
Offertory \$ 1,335	Goal for Fiscal YTD Amount Collected*	\$482,995 \$474.042	1/5/2022 Steve Stencel	\$ 25
Building Fund \$ 2,788	Difference:	\$474,042	1/6/2022 Heidi Bradley	\$ 25
Thank you for your generous support.	(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$ 8,953)	1/7/2022 Joe Zollner	\$ 25
When making decisions in your estate planning, please give prayerful	Includes weekly/month	nly/electronic	1/8/2022 Jaci Duvall	\$ 25
consideration to St. John's Parish.	offerings, offertory & hol		1/9/2022 Don Sikorski	\$ 50

#### 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

#### VINE AND BRANCHES CATECHESIS PROGRAM

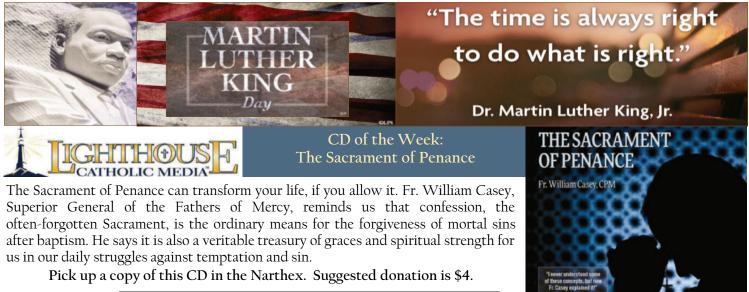
The Vine and Branches Catechesis program for special-needs children will begin the second semester of the school year on January 17, 2022. It is not too late to enroll your special-needs child into this valuable program. Vine and Branches has been in existence since the 1980's. They have had special needs students participate in First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation. The program meets 16 weeks out of the year at the Youth Center at St. Leonard Catholic Church in Muskego. All ages are welcome to participate in this program. Vine and Branches charges no tuition to families of the students. The program is funded by the Knights of Columbus and cooperating parishes pay a stipend. Currently, the cooperating parishes are St. Leonard, St. Matthias, St. John the Evangelist, Greenfield, St. Stephen, and St. Joseph, in Big Bend. There is room for additional children. If you have a child who would benefit from this program, please contact Deacon Rick Wirch at 414-233-3586 for more information.

#### 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.

#### 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 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.



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#### In Prayer: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 (St. Anthony, Abbot) 8:00am †Aggie Rosenau - Rosenau Family TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 8:00am †William Berner, Sr. - Bill & Laura Lee Wierzbinski WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 8:00am †Michael Verfurth - Karen Verfurth & Family 10:00am †Rod Erdelt - Wife (Private) THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 (St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr) 8:00am 60th Wedding Anniversary of Al & Margo Szews FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 (St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr) 8:00am Int. of Fr, Michael - Bill & Laura Lee Wierzbinski †Anthony & Catherine Loughney - Therese Nettesheim All Souls in Purgatory - Family Int. of Katie & Bob Miller - Ida Crivello *†*Carole Riegert - Friends Int. of Joe & Marlene Yakel - Family SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children) **9:00am** For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 4:30pm To Overturn Roe V. Wade - Respect Life Committee <sup>†</sup>Lorraine Benjamin - Family †Marge Behling - Ken & Pat Krueger †Robert "Bob" Cotter - Dorothy Witte †Norbert Witte - Dorothy Witte SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) 8:00am †Mae Hevrin - Daughter Mary King 9:30am For the Members of St. John's Parish 11:00am †Mariano Crivello - Ida Crivello †Leo & Lillian Petraytes - Joan & Darryl Hanson †Matteo & Filippina Crivello - Jerry & Margherita Green †Peter Fiedler - Judy Eft Int. of Margadette Demet - Ida Crivello

#### Parish and School Staff Directory

Parish Office: 414-321-1965 Parish Hall: 414-321-5940 Parish Gym: 414-321-0079 Website: www.stjohns-grfd.org Live Stream: www.youtube.com/c/SJEGreenfield Pastor: Very Rev. Michael F. Merkt mmerkt@stjohns-grfd.org Deacon: Steven F. Pemper 414-737-5023 spemper@aol.com Director of Administrative Services: Denise Kasulke dkasulke@stjohns-grfd.org Director of Liturgy and Music: Karen Schulteis kschulteis@stjohns-grfd.org Director of Religious Education: Austin Rahill 414-530-5770 Austin rahill@yahoo.com Bookkeeper and Building & Grounds: George Pitman, Jr. gpitman@stjohns-grfd.org Parish Secretary: Jan Sadlon rectory@stjohns-grfd.org School Office: 414-321-8540 School Website: sje.k12.wi.us Principal: Ben Oberdorf boberdorf@sje.school Secretary: Mary Jo Kaminski mkaminski@sje.school

This week's Sanctuary & Tabernacle Candles are lit for the Int. of Marcella & Oliver Kussard & St. Anthony. To reserve candles, please call or visit the parish office. The cost is \$3 each.

#### This Week at St. John the Evangelist

	ved by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet			
-	Practice - Gym (until 7:00pm)			
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 8:00am Mass followed by St. Anthony Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet				
4:00pm Basketball	4:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym (until 7:00pm) 7:00pm Schoenstatt Meeting - Rectory, Room A			
	Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Portillo's Fundraiser (until 8:00pm) Gym Unavailable			
11:00am School Earl	HURSDAY, JANUARY 20 8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 11:00am School Early Dismissal 4:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym (until 8:30pm)			
Friday, January 21				
8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet No School				
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 9:00am Mass followed by Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet				
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 12:00pm RCIA - Roo	om A			
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