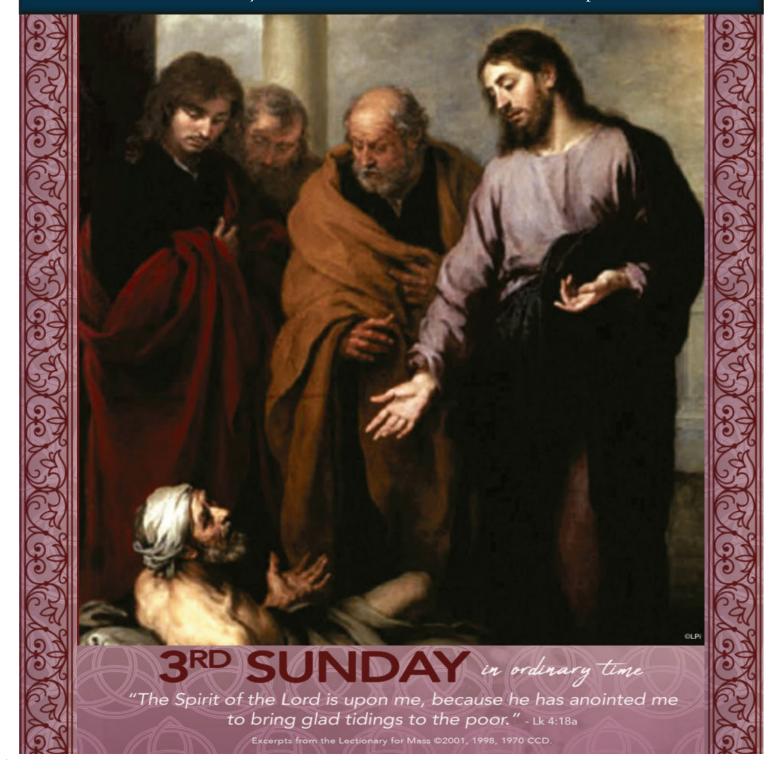


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#### From the Pastor's Desk

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#### Fr. Michael

#### RESPECT LIFE - JANUARY 2022

Saturday, January 22 (the anniversary of Roe v. Wade) is the day the U.S. Bishops set aside for a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person, committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

The act of abortion rejects God's gift of life. Abortion destroys the life of a child, lovingly knit together in his or her mother's womb. For someone who has participated in abortion, the loss of a child can form a hole in their heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. As a human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is hope.

Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us His forgiveness, and giving us His peace. Jesus comes to free us from the bonds of sin. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Find out more about the Church's ministry for healing after abortion by visiting <a href="https://hopeafterabortion.com">hopeafterabortion.com</a>.

We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law.

#### ENHANCE YOUR MARRIAGE

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is sponsoring a retreat called, "Devoted Marriage: The Journey of Marital Forgiveness" led by Fr. John Burns and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. It will be held on Saturday, February 19 from 9:00am until 12:00pm at St. Peter Catholic Church in Slinger, Wisconsin.

Every Catholic marriage needs moments of enrichment, renewal, and a deeper understanding of having Christ as the center of a marriage. This retreat is designed to help married couples of all ages encounter Christ through the beautiful gift of forgiveness. While the content shared is designed for married couples, dating or engaged couples as well as single participants are also welcome. The cost is just \$14 per couple and \$7 for individuals.

For more information, please visit <u>archmil.org/GalileeU</u>. Scroll down until you see "Devoted Marriage" and click "More Info & Register." Or please email <u>uchyrtilr@archmil.org</u> or call Rachel at 414-758-222. The registration deadline is February 14.

#### LOOKING TOWARDS LENT

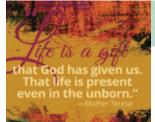
The Archdiocese is also offering a Lenten resource for families to help connect what happens at Mass on the weekends to everyday life in the home through fun family activities, prayer, and scripture study. THIS IS HOME is a seven-part series and begins the week of Ash Wednesday (March 2) and continues through Easter Sunday (April 17). This series was created for families with children ages 10 and under, but all are welcome to participate. You will receive weekly emails with everything you need to start sharing your faith with the whole family: simple scripture passages that children will love, crafts, recipes, and fun activities to connect scripture to living your faith at home. There is also a family prayer that is easy for parents or guardians to lead and for children to recite. You can sign up at <a href="archmil.org/this-is-home">archmil.org/this-is-home</a>. There is no fee to participate.

#### 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

—Mother Teresa

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.



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. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29
Rev.	Rev.	Paulist Fathers	Rev. Norberto	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.
Edward	Daniel	(Conversion	Sandoval	Dennis	Roger	Jonathon
Sanchez	Sanders	of St. Paul)	Villalobos	Saran	Savage	Schmeckel

#### JANUARY 23, 2022 · THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our K4 students are learning about penguins. They read a National Geographic for Kids book about penguins and another story, "*The Penguin Who Wanted to Fly*." The students were working on making penguins for art and were excited to share what they learned about penguins when I visited the classroom. Here are some pictures of them working on creating their penguins and a few examples of the final project.



Ben Oberdorf



Catholic Schools Week starts with our open house 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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Stewardship Offering \$17,162			1/11/2022 Jerry Girard	\$ 25
Offertory \$ 1,093	Goal for Fiscal YTD Amount Collected* Difference:	\$500,696 \$494,630	1/12/2022 Kathy Tanty	\$ 25
Building Fund \$ 2,333			1/13/2022 June Litkowski	\$ 25
Thank you for your generous support.	(Deficit)/Surplus	(\$ 6,066)	1/14/2022 Marilyn Pfaller	\$ 25
When making decisions in your estate planning, please give prayerful	Includes weekly/monthly/electronic offerings, offertory & holy day offerings.		1/15/2022 Isabelle Whiteaker	\$ 25
consideration to St. John's Parish.			1/16/2022 Sandra Schmidt	\$ 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**

#### RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR

Just a reminder of the Holy Hour for the unborn babies that occurs every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Please join the St. John's Respect Life Committee on Wednesday, January 26. As Catholics, we have an obligation to pray for these unborn children and for their mothers and fathers.

#### **UPCOMING FISH FRY DATES**

Upcoming Fish Fry nights at St. John's are scheduled for March 4, March 25, April 15, May 6, and tentatively June 3 (4:00 -7:00pm). If you can't wait for a St. John's Fish Fry, why not try a Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Fish Fry on January 28, February 11, February 25, March 11, and April 8 (4:30-7:00pm)? Enter on S. 117th Street.

#### 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.



## PARISH OFFICE VALENTINE'S TREE FROM CHRISTMAS (LEFT) TO VALENTINE'S (RIGHT)

Our Parish Office Valentine Tree looks spectacular! Thank you to all parishioners who brought in red or valentine-themed ornaments to help us decorate! (And by "us" we really mean Laura Lee Wierzbinski!)

#### Stop in to see it for yourself!

As with the Christmas photo, the Valentine photo just does not do this brightly-glowing tree justice.



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## CD of the Week: From Mormon Missionary to the Catholic Church

Thomas Smith was raised in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and can trace his lineage back seven generations. In this talk, he shares his beliefs and incredible experiences as a Mormon missionary in Alabama and how this led him to convert and become a Protestant minister and later enter the Catholic Church. Mr. Smith is a popular speaker and the author of "Inside Mormonism."

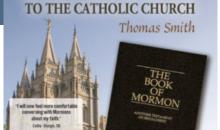
Pick up a copy of this CD in the Narthex. Suggested donation is \$4.





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FROM MORMON MISSIONARY

Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Monday. Please send your announcements to: rectory@stjohns-grfd.org.

In Prayer: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	This Week at St. John the Evangelist			
MONDAY, JANUARY 24 (St. Frances de Sales, Bishop) 8:00am †Steve Fry - Jan Kosanke  TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 (Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle) 8:00am †Ken & Mary Rudzinski - Carol Slottke  WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 (Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops) 8:00am Int. of Joe & Marlene Yakel - Family 10:00am †Mary Therese Wichgers - Pamela A. Mitten- Stencil & Steve Stencel (Private)  THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 (St. Angela Merici, Religious Founder) 8:00am †Walter Herzog - Family & Friends  FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 (St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest) 8:00am †Raymond Petraytes - Mike & Karen Andaloro  SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 (Blessed Virgin Mary) 8:00am †Antonia Vodnik - Michael G. O'Neill 4:30pm †John Fretschel - Tom & Sandy †Walter Herzog & †Teresa Grissmeyer - Family & Friends †Gerald Tomaszewski - Roger Watson & Margaret Dunn-Watson †Esther Brahm - Carol †Julia Virgena Fifarek - Joan Fifarek  SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 8:00am For the Members of St. John's Parish 9:30am †Dorothy Bowers - Vern Bowers 11:00am †John J. Maliszewski - Don & Pat Schmerling †Gary Ganas - Gaggioli Family Int. of Diane Caldwell - Tim Holtorf All Souls in Purgatory - Family	Monday, January 24 8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30pm Basketball Practice - Gym (until 7:00pm)  TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 8:00am Mass followed by St. Anthony Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:00pm Basketball Practice - Gym (until 7:00pm)  WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet			
†Virginia Gundrum, †Albert & Myrtle Popp &	St. John the Evangelist Parish			
†Delores Shadeen - Lou & Mary Jo Gundrum This week's Sanctuary & Tabernacle Candles are lit for the Int. of the Newman Family. To reserve candles, please call or visit the parish office. The cost is \$3 each.	Parish Office Hours:	Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays		
Parish and School Staff Directory	Weekend Masses:	Saturday, 4:30pm; Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am		
Parish Office: 414-321-1965 Parish Hall: 414-321-5940	Weekday Masses:	Monday through Saturday at 8:00am		
Parish Gym: 414-321-0079 Website: www.stjohns-grfd.org	Confessions:	Friday and Saturday: 8:30am		
Live Stream: www.youtube.com/c/SJEGreenfield	Anointing of the Sick:	First Saturday of the Month after the 4:30pm Mass		
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	Baptism:	Third Sunday at 11:45am. Please call the parish office to schedule. Pre-Baptismal Class is required for parents with their first child.		
dkasulke@stjohns-grfd.org Director of Liturgy and Music: Karen Schulteis	Marriage:	Contact the parish office at least six months before intended date of marriage.		
kschulteis@stjohns-grfd.org Director of Religious Education: Austin Rahill 414-530-5770 Austin_rahill@yahoo.com Rockkopper and Ruilding & Grounds: George Pitman, Ir	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: (RCIA)	Adults interested in Communion, Baptism, and/or Confirmation are asked to contact the Religious Education office.		
Bookkeeper and Building & Grounds: George Pitman, Jr. gpitman@stjohns-grfd.org Parish Secretary: Jan Sadlon rectory@stjohns-grfd.org	Parish Membership:	Families and single adults (over 18) are asked to register in the parish office.		
School Office: 414-321-8540 School Website: sje.kl2.wi.us	Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Use the entrance along the south side of the church.		
Principal: Ben Oberdorf boberdorf@sje.school Secretary: Mary Io Kaminski mkaminski@sje.school	Sick & Shut-Ins:	Call the parish office to arrange for		

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