



# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

## CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

# DECEMBER

# 19

# 2021



# 4<sup>th</sup>

# SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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### Our Mission

Saint John Vianney Parish is a welcoming Catholic Faith community.


We are EXPERIENCING Christ in our lives through the Gospel, Sacraments, and life long faith formation.


We are LIVING our faith in worship and stewardship.

And we are SERVING God's people to reveal the presence of Christ in our community.


### Church Info


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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Friday: 8AM-4:30PM

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM; 11AM, 5PM

**HOLY DAY & WEEKDAY LITURGIES:**

As listed in weekly Mass schedule.

**ANOIDING OF SICK:** At 7AM Mass on Thursdays or contact priest of parish.

**BAPTISM:** Parental instruction required. You are encouraged to do this prior to birth of child. Please contact parish office for arrangements and class registration. You must be a registered parish member.

**COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:**

Contact Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the pastor at least six months in advance. Must be a registered parish member for at least six months.

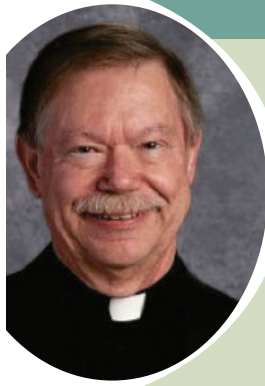
**RCIA:**

For adults who wish to become Catholic, contact Christian Formation Office, 262-796-3944.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 8:30AM or by appointment. Enter through main church doors. Safe distancing protocols will be in effect. (No Reconciliation 12/25/21).

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All new members are most welcome. If you would like to register, please go to our website, click on "I'm New" at the top of the page and fill out our interest form. If you have any questions, please contact Brittany McCollum, 262-796-3940, ext. 1110.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**



Dear friends,

Christmas arrives this week; let us rejoice! Christmas means there is always hope in our dark world. The birth of children brings joy and expectation, and Our Lord's birth gladdens our often weary lives and bestows the expectation of salvation.

Our Christmas Masses begin on Christmas Eve at 4 PM, 6 PM and 10 PM. Christmas Day Masses are at 7:30 AM, 9 AM and 11 AM. Please note there is no Christmas Day Mass at 4:30 PM.

Sunday, December 26, is the Feast of the Holy Family with our usual Masses at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM. So my friends, you can see we will spend some extra time in God's House this week, but it will be worth many blessings and graces.

Merry Christmas,

*Very Rev. Edwin Kornath*

Very Rev. Edwin Kornath



**COINS FOR BABIES BOTTLE CAMPAIGN JANUARY 2022**

Following each of the Masses on January 8 and 9, we will be distributing our bottles for our Coins for Babies Campaign and collecting the bottles before each Mass the weekend of January 22/23.



We invite all those who are called to help, including teens and younger children with their parents, to stand at the tables in the Narthex. To help distribute bottles or collect, please contact Maria Schloemer if you would like to help, 414-217-4198 or [mschloemer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mschloemer@sbcglobal.net).

Your generous efforts will go to help support...

- Milwaukee Birthright
- The Women's Support Center
- Life's Connection
- Women's Care Center

The 4:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass is livestreamed. (Go to [www.stjohnv.org](http://www.stjohnv.org), then click Watch Virtual Mass to get to our YouTube page.)

Thank you,  
SJV Respect Life Committee

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**The Lord's Day**

Mi 5: 1-4a/Heb 10: 5-10/Lk 1: 39-45

4:30PM †Stiglitz & Schwei Families/Mary Ann Stiglitz  
(N) (PC)**Sunday, December 19, 2021/4th Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM †Tom Cianciolo/SJV St. Vincent de Paul(K)

9:00AM †Gary Butler/Joanne DeCloux(N)

11:00AM †Alfred Schaffhauser/Family(K)

5:00PM People of the Parish(N)

**Monday, December 20, 2021/Late Advent Weekday**

Is 7: 10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1: 26-38

7:00AM †Ted, Helen & Deb Lenart Family/Lavin  
Family(K)**Tuesday, December 21, 2021/Late Advent Weekday**

Sg 2: 8-14/Ps 33/Lk 1: 39-45

7:00AM Intention of Katica Babicić(N)

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021/Late Advent Weekday**

1 Sm 1: 24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1: 46-56

7:00AM Intention of Fely Conti/Conti Family(N)

8:30AM †Grace Wimmer/Wright & Schultz Families  
(K) (ASL)**Thursday, December 23, 2021/Late Advent Weekday**

Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1: 57-66

7:00AM †Gene Duffy/Family(K)  
Anointing of Sick During Mass**Friday, December 24, 2021/Late Advent Weekday**

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1: 67-79

No Morning Mass

**Christmas Vigil**

Is 62: 1-5/Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/Mt 1: 1-25

4:00PM People of the Parish(K)

6:00PM Intention of Katica Babicić(N)

Is 9: 1-6/Ti 2: 11-14/Lk 2: 1-14

10:00PM †William Haslam/Maureen & Gary Yurkovic  
(K) (PC)**Saturday, December 25, 2021/The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas**

Is 52: 7-10/Heb 1: 1-6/Jn 1: 1-18

7:30AM Intention of Clarence Lenz/Irene(N)

9:00AM †Ricardo &amp; Olga Conti/Conti Family(K)

11:00AM †Joe Burns/Celeste Hein(N) (HC)

**The Lord's Day**

1 Sm 1: 20-29, 24-28/1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24/Lk 2: 41-52

**Sunday, December 26, 2021/The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

7:30AM †Edward Koziol/Bryan &amp; Peggy Parker(N)

9:00AM †Charles &amp; Joh Saber/Family(K) (PC)

11:00AM †Thomas Nolasco/SJV St. Vincent de Paul(N)

5:00PM People of the Parish(VP-Y)

Fr. Edwin Kornath (K) Fr. Alexander Nwosu (N) Fr. Arturo Ysmael, SDS (VP-Y)  
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After School Day Care | 262-796-3942, ext 1206

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (December 20 – 26)

Monday 20

SCRIP Orders Due 8:30 AM  
 8:00AM Firm Believers/Dance  
 Aerobics(Church Hall)  
 9:30AM Mondays with Molly(P210)  
 3:00PM Basketball Practice(A1)  
 4:30PM Basketball Practice  
 (Cafeteria)  
 6:30PM Simbang Gabi Mass/  
 Hospitality(Church/Café)

Tuesday 21

8:00AM Firm Believers/Yoga  
 (Church Hall)  
 9:00AM Formation & HC Staff Mtg  
 (P210)  
 1:00PM Centering Prayer(P201)  
 1:30PM SVDP Meal Program  
 (Church Hall Kitchen/Café)  
 3:00PM Basketball Practice(A1)  
 4:30PM Basketball Practice  
 (Cafeteria)

Wednesday 22

8:00AM Firm Believers/Dance  
 Aerobics(Church Hall)  
 3:00PM Basketball Practice(A1)  
 4:30PM Basketball Practice(Cafeteria)  
 6:30PM Handbell Choir(Church)

SJV PRAYER LINE

The Prayer Line is confidential and made up of members of the SJV community who have offered to pray for your special needs. If you have a special intention for which you would like prayers, please call (Mary, 262-786-8672). Please note: Parishioners' names are not placed in the bulletin "pray for" list without that individual's permission.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

- Blessed Sacrament Chapel (BSC) open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30AM until 8PM
- Rosary for Life in BSC following 7AM Mass on Mondays
- Centering Prayer, Tuesdays, 1PM, P201
- Rosary in BSC at 6:30AM on Wednesdays
- Friday Eucharistic Adoration in BSC from 7:30AM-4PM. (Except 12/24 & 12/31/21)

RETRouvaille

Marriage Saving—the Weekend Phase: During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille, a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables couples to take a good look at most areas of their relationships. After each presentation, they have private discussion time.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **January 7-9, 2022** in Racine, please call 414-502-7685 or email:

[Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org) or visit the website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>

SVDP MEAL PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Our next meal program date is next Tuesday, December 21. Since the food will be packaged into containers for the guests to take home, we need to get our food donations to the meal program site by 4:00 PM. Please bring your food donations to SJV **no later than 3:00 PM Tuesday, December 21**. Chicken casseroles should be brought between 1:30-3:00 PM on Tuesday. Please use the Narthex doors to enter.

Drivers for December: *Bill Gromacki and Pat Gengler*  
 Servers for December: *Dick Noll and Jerry O'Connell*

Thank you for all you do for the meal program guests. Stay safe.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

<b>Bulletin Date:</b>	<b>Articles Due:</b>
January 2	December 20

Please submit your articles to the Parish Office by noon on the due date. Thank you.

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities agencies are mobilizing personnel, volunteers, and resources to provide refugees with a welcoming atmosphere, a break from the confines of temporary housing, and relief from their difficult journey. Among the services provided are on-base legal assistance, social engagement for women and children, and learning centers. The women's centers provide a quiet and clean place for mothers to bond and play with their children and develop friendships. The children's area is a place for children to gather and create arts and craft projects, build puzzles, play games and be sociable. **Volunteers are crucial** to keep the centers running smoothly and safely.

The USCCB and Catholic Charities are seeking more volunteers to aid in this mission. Volunteers will spend time at one of the three Women and Children Centers, two Sewing Center or Learning Center. Each of the centers requires between 6-10 volunteers to operate. Individuals must be able to commit to at least a week of volunteering, though longer commitments are preferred.

For information about volunteer opportunities or donations, contact: Andrew Ruesch, Afghan Project Coordinator, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee: [aruesch@ccmke.org](mailto:aruesch@ccmke.org) / 414-769-3543.

**Thursday** 23

No School/Christmas Break  
 8:00AM Firm Believers/Zumba  
 (Church Hall)  
 3:00PM Basketball Practice(A1)  
 4:00PM Brass Rehearsal(Church)  
 4:30PM Basketball Practice  
 (Cafeteria)

**Friday** 24

**Christmas Vigil**  
 No 7 AM Mass  
 No Adoration  
 No School/Christmas Break  
 Parish Office Closed  
 8:00AM Firm Believers/Dance  
 Aerobics(Church Hall)

**Saturday** 25

**Nativity of the Lord/Christmas**  
 No 4:30 PM Mass  
 No Reconciliation

**Sunday** 26

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 12:15PM Baptisms(Church)

**OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

There is an old Polish, Slovak and Lithuanian tradition of sharing wafers at the Christmas Eve meal. As family members break a piece, everyone shares wishes of peace and love. Today it is often done at the Christmas day meal, and pieces can be mailed to those who can't be with us at the table. Oplatki are available at the parish office (4 in a package) for \$1 a package.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES****Friday, December 24**

4:00 PM  
 6:00 PM  
 10:00 PM

**Saturday, December 25**

7:30 AM  
 9:00 AM  
 11:00 AM

No Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 26

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

**Saturday, January 1**

9:00 AM

No Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday, January 2

**COOKIES FOR A CAUSE**

Enjoy a cookie with your morning coffee and support the Waukesha community all from the comfort of your car.

LindenGrove Communities, St. James Catholic Church and the Elegant Farmer have teamed up to host a Drive-Thru Cookie Fundraiser on Wednesday, December 22, from 7 AM to 1 PM with proceeds going to the United for Waukesha Community Fund and the Jackson Sparks family.

With easy in/easy out access, Cookies for a Cause will be held in the St. James Catholic Church parking lot, located at 830 E Veterans Way, Mukwonago, WI 53149. For a minimum \$2 donation, participants will receive a sugar cookie from the Elegant Farmer and a holiday ornament handmade by a LindenGrove resident.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King

More information at the St. James website home page [www.stjamesmukwonago.org](http://www.stjamesmukwonago.org) or please contact Rachel Womack at 414-339-2904 or [Rachel.womack@lindengrove.org](mailto:Rachel.womack@lindengrove.org) with any questions.

**PART-TIME JOB OPENING  
ATHLETIC PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**

This position works collaboratively with the Athletic Committee to implement the athletic programs at SJV. Duties include sport and tournament registrations and the coordinating documents and payments, maintaining the gym schedule, managing scorers and volunteers, compiling the agenda and minutes for AC meetings, and managing the SJV athletic website. Candidates should be organized, detailed and efficient with priorities, is timely and professional with good communication skills, and have experience with Excel, Word, and Google Drive. This position is year round, but hours fluctuate based on the season. For more information, please contact Michelle Prudlow, [mjprudlow@wi.rr.com](mailto:mjprudlow@wi.rr.com).

**THANK YOU TO THE  
"ANGELS" OF SJV**

St. John Vianney has many "angels" in its midst. Thank you for the overwhelming response to help with the Angel Tree project. If it were not for the generosity of our parish community, many children would not have a gift to open on Christmas morning. The Angel Tree committee, the parents of the children, and the children we serve, thank you for being so charitable with your time, talents, and financial support.

Until next year's project, God Bless!  
 The Angel Tree Committee

## WHAT'S THIS?

The themes most used for the four weeks of **Advent** are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – **HOPE**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – **PEACE**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – **JOY**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – **LOVE**



### The Fourth Week of Advent: **LOVE**

The fourth week of Advent represents **love**, the unconditional **love** that Jesus models for us. We are preparing for Jesus's coming, the One who **loves** us simply for who we are. The reason for the season is Jesus. The reason He is coming is to teach us to **love** unconditionally.

**Love** is patient; **love** is kind; **love** is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things (1Cor 13:4-8).

May this time of cheerful anticipation be a time of **loving** others in all our Advent preparations.

## HOUSING FOR NET RETREAT

This year we are hosting a NET - National Evangelization Team Retreat - for all our Middle School and High School teens. There will be 10 dedicated young men and women who will be serving our teens from St. John Vianney and local parishes in our area. NET challenges young people to love Christ and embrace the life of the church through Catholic youth retreats. We are looking for three or four host families that could accommodate 2-4 young adults for two nights, Monday, January 31 and Tuesday, February 1. Hospitality is one of the great gifts of our parish. Let me know if you are willing to host these young adults in your home.

Please contact Dave Baudry at [daveb@stjohnv.org](mailto:daveb@stjohnv.org) or 262-796-3944, ext. 1117, for more information.

## MIDNIGHT MASS

St. Teresa of Calcutta, North Lake, is offering Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John LoCoco, Vocations Director, St. Frances de Sales Seminary. Midnight Mass is a beautiful opportunity for joy, thanksgiving and wonder.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

- |                  |                  |                |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Scott Schmaelzle | Kendall Roehling | Scott Lynch    |
| Jane Molter      | Shirley Sciacca  | Elizabeth      |
| Celwynne Conell  | Tom Dutton       | Kretschmer     |
| Chloe Roehling   | Bev Schnier      | Dan Kretschmer |
| Patricia (Pat)   | Lucy Bartnicki   | Edie Tomsyck   |
| Gutschenritter   | Sara-Rae Rimmel  | Tom Kwak       |
| Robert Hromadka  | LeRoy Schmidt    | Jackie Harty   |
| Jim Humphriss    | Jean Siegfried   | Mary Alice     |
| Donald Pikel     | Marie Sandler    | Pellowski      |
| Mary Jane Doney  | Sue O'Brien      |                |



**STEWARDSHIP OFFERTORY****Revenue Summary**

Budget for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2022

**\$2,177,000**

Actual for 7/1/2021-12/11/2021

**\$665,374****ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS**

All Saints Meal Program serves a large crowd for Christmas every year. Once again they have requested help from us and from a few other parishes to make this possible. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Chuck and Debbie Potter will use their food-purchasing expertise and connections to make the best use of our donations. If you would be willing to help out, we would welcome checks made out to St. John Vianney Parish with a notation "For All Saints" on the memo line. They can be mailed to the attention of John B. Thompson, Director of Formation and Human Concerns, at 1755 N. Calhoun Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005-5036 or dropped off at the parish. God bless you for your generosity, and may your Christmas be truly blessed!

**SCHOOL RECESS SUPERVISORS NEEDED**

Do you have a heart for serving God's children? We have the opportunity for you to serve the youth of our SJV School. We have a need for two Recess Supervisors. One supervisor would work with our K5 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from 12:00 until 1:00 PM. The second supervisor would work with our 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from 11:00 to 11:15 AM. Whether you have one hour or 15 minutes to offer, we have a need. Contact Principal Brian Shimon at 262-796-3943 or at [brians@stjohnv.org](mailto:brians@stjohnv.org) to express your interest. Thank you!

**ONLINE GIVING**

Through your financial support of our parish, you pass on the faith to our children, share in the joy of weddings and baptisms, comfort the sick, console the grieving, and support others in need. Financial giving is one way for each of us to grow in holiness. With online or mobile app giving, you won't need to write checks and prepare envelopes. Recurring gifts provide more consistency in revenues, which helps St. John Vianney financials remain stable and predictable. Start online giving today at [www.stjohnv.org/parish/online-giving](http://www.stjohnv.org/parish/online-giving)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." With those words from St. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, to our Blessed Mother Mary our Gospel on this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent closes. It is appropriate that we are reminded of Mary's stewardship just a few days before she gives birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on stewardship, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, The Bishops remind us that Mary is the epitome of stewardship: "After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense...she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role in terms of service and fidelity."

As we complete our preparations for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we need to consider Mary's total trust in God and her willingness to place her entire life at His service, and ours. If we can even be a fraction of the steward she was, we will be ready for Christ's coming and better prepared to be disciples and good stewards. In the midst of our joy and celebration at this holy time, we, too, must bear in mind that we are called and chosen.

Angela Bravata, Department Director,  
Liturgy, Communications, & the Sunday Experience

**STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**

In this Christmas season, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him. When we get this "gift" right, all the other gifts and to-do's on our Christmas list will fall into their proper place.

By supporting St. John Vianney's online giving, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Signing up is easy! Visit [www.stjohnv.org/parish/online-giving](http://www.stjohnv.org/parish/online-giving). Already using online giving? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account, or make a one-time gift today!

If you plan to drop off your year-end gift to St. John Vianney, keep in mind our reduced hours at the Parish Office for the holidays and get your gift in by Friday, noon, December 31. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You!

Our online giving provider (BBMS) will be accepting one-time checking/savings account gifts until December 26 at 5:30 PM EST and live one-time credit card gifts until midnight on December 31.



## CHRISTMAS 2021

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Jerome E. ListECKi*

**Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee



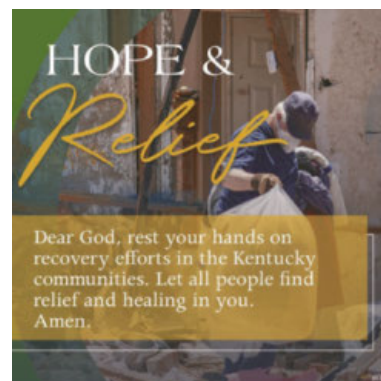
## CONFIRMATION, 2021

On November 13, there were 30 teens who participated in our second Confirmation Retreat. The theme was **"We are Called,"** which challenged our Confirmation candidates to live a fuller life as a disciple of Christ. We had community building activities, talks, the rosary, reconciliation and ended with a Mass. A special thanks to Fr. Edwin Kornath and Fr. Emmanuel Udo for celebrating with us. Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates and their sponsors. We have 71 students in the Confirmation program who will be confirmed by Bishop James Schuerman on Sunday, May 22, 2021.



## RETURN TO LIFE SERIES FOR THE DIVORCED BEGINS IN JANUARY

In addition to our ongoing Single Again divorce support group, St. John Vianney is offering a special six-week series to help people who are dealing with the myriad issues of divorce. Return to Life is a six-week divorce recovery series developed by Marianne F. Skrobiak, M.S., M.A., LPC to help normalize the divorce process and offer hope and healing to those going through separation or divorce. It will be open to anyone who needs it, Catholic or not, on Wednesday evenings beginning January 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Room P201 in the St. John Vianney Parish Center. The cost for the series is only \$10. To register, please contact Maria Schloemer at the SJV Formation & Human Concerns Office at 262-796-3944. Due to the COVID variant, we will require masks. Participants will benefit from the leader's input and sharing with other participants.



## CONFIRMATION TEACHING MASS

About 200 Confirmation candidates, sponsors and parents attended the "Teaching Mass" at St. John Vianney which took place on December 5. Our pastor, Fr. Edwin Kornath, shared about the various parts and aspects of the Mass. It was very informative and insightful.



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