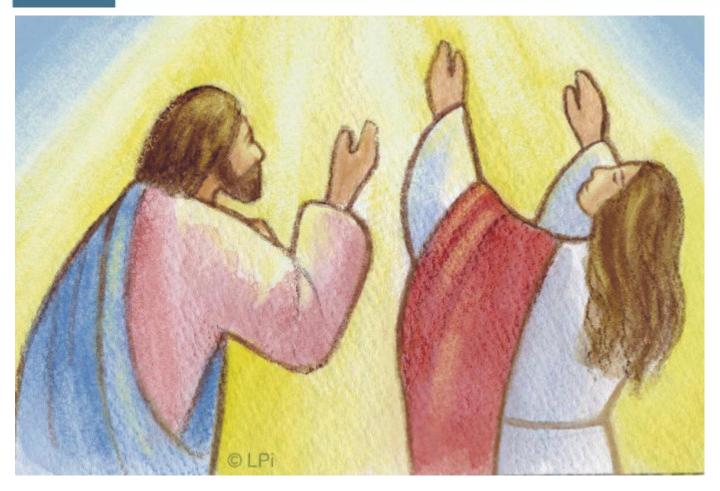


St. John THE Baptist

MARCH 14, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - In 3:20-21
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

PRAYER | WORSHIP

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 AM Dennis & Margaret Allen

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 AM Hal Tust

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 AM Mary Crubaugh

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 AM Vernon DeBoth

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
2:00 PM Wedding | Mike Gehm & Sydney Zilch
4:30 PM Alfreda, Alvin & Dennis Tilly

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM People of the Parish10:00 AM Louie & Magdalena Hoffert

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MARCH 21ST | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Reading I: Ezekial 37:12-14 Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11 Gospel: John 11: 1-45



RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30–10:30 AM (or by appointment)

BAPTISM

Baptism Class is offered each month and is required prior to Baptism. Register by calling the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least eight months in advance.



Parish Mission Statement

As friends and followers of Jesus, we help ourselves and our communities to visibly live out discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church.

Lenten Schedule

Monday—Friday			
7:00 AM	Adoration	Church	
8:00 AM	Rosary	Church	
All Fridays During Lent			
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross*	Church	
Thursday March 18			
6:30 PM	Holy Hour	Church	

HOLY HOUR An Evening of Transubstantiation

Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:30 PM

Come Let Us Adore!

Hosted by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist Team (The Holy Hour will also be live streamed.) Join us for prayer, reflection, and beautiful music.

2021 Bishop's Appeal Assessment \$134,774

Bishop's Appeal Collected as of March 7, 2021



321 Households at \$88,610.07

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Weekly Envelopes	\$15,089.22
Online Giving	\$ 1,220.87
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 207.35</u>
TOTAL	\$16,517.44

GOD BLESS!

John 11: 1-45

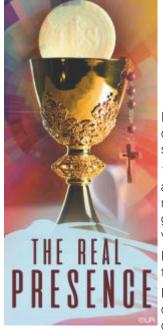
CRS RICE BOWL

TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.





THE EUCHARIST AND SIN

By Colleen Jurkiewicz | Nov 28, 2020 | Featured, Local

The Real Presence

Note: This is the fourth in a five-part series on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

It's not uncommon for a priest to hear, in the confessional, a penitent express frustration that, despite frequent reception of Holy Communion, they are struggling with overcoming habitual sin.

"Oftentimes, they will despair of their inability to conquer these vices and they will speak about how even though they engage in a variety of spiritual practices and receive Holy Communion — maybe even daily — they do not seem to receive the effects of that spiritual growth. It doesn't seem to transform their moral life; it doesn't seem to help them grow in virtue," said Fr. Stephen Buting, associate pastor of Lumen Christi Parish in Mequon.

But the fact of the matter is that the Eucharist is never unable to deliver graces. It is simply that we are sometimes not able to fully receive them.

Fr. Buting explained that receiving Communion strengthens the infused moral virtues — prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice — as well as the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

However, it does not "substitute or replace our own natural growth in those virtues."

"It's filling up our spiritual capacity to perform these virtues, but if there's no natural habit underneath that virtue, then a lot of times it acts more like rainfall on a bone-dry field or desert," he said. "It runs off instead of sinking into the ground, because the ground doesn't have the receptivity, in that moment, to receive that and be transformed by it. It just kind of sloughs off before it really has an impact."

Which is why the Eucharist is not a magical pill for the easy cure of all sins. It is, rather, an instrument by which a multitude of grace is made accessible to those who will avail themselves of it.

It's not so unlike the sacrament of marriage. A Catholic couple who has vowed to love and honor one another all the days of their lives will not find it easy simply because they made that promise in front of a priest. But having entered into that sacrament in the Catholic Church, they can draw upon the graces poured out by the Holy Spirit to nourish and sustain their relationship even if it is subjected to unimaginable strain.

So it goes with the Eucharist. "How do we avoid situations of sin, how do we manage our emotions in the midst of occasions of sin? We expect on a spiritual level that we'll be able to rise above our natural state, but grace builds on nature, and so we can ask God to strengthen our natural habits in addition to infusing those virtues within us on a supernatural level," said Fr. Buting. "Both are absolutely necessary and both are key components for overcoming those tendencies to habitual sins that we can often fall into."

"If we are struggling to stay out of sin, and are resolved to fight temptation as best we can, then the Eucharist becomes a great help," said Fr. Michael-Joseph Paris, OCD, a Carmelite priest serving at the Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill. "As Pope Francis has reiterated, it is a remedy for our weakness, not a reward for our virtue. It strengthens us and gives us courage to let go of what only seems to satisfy, and to find the exhilarating freedom of living authentically as a child of God."

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REAL PRESENCE REFLECTION

During Lent, we will be sharing a five-part series of articles published in The Catholic Herald on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist along with parishioner reflections on this topic. A link to the articles can also be found on our website, Facebook page, or directly at https:// catholicherald.org/

"When we receive the Eucharist, we also find ourselves transported spiritually to the foot of the Cross." (Jurkiewicz, What Does the Eucharist Accomplish in Our Souls)

And kneeling at the foot of that cross I experience different emotions and regularly tears. At times, the emotion is immense gratitude for dying on the cross for me, and knowing I am one of His beloved. Some Masses, tears of joy appear as thoughts of my deceased dad fill my mind and heart and I know Dad's soul is with me at Mass. I have also experienced a feeling of helplessness as I ask Jesus



for wisdom on handling a situation in my life. The beauty of Jesus being both God and man is that He experienced all of these emotions and He welcomes them all. The intensity of these thoughts and emotions have grown as my faith in the Catholic Church and my belief in the presence of Jesus in Holy Communion has grown. This growth did not happen overnight. I increased my time in prayer. I also began studying the Mass and why Catholics say certain words at Mass. One book, I recommend for study, is *The How-To Book of The Mass* by Mike Dubruiel. I have a copy I would love to lend you. Give me a call at the Parish Office. Getting closer to Jesus through the Eucharist might seem like a challenge, but ask God for His help and the rewards will be great. God Bless.

Susan

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to earth and for the gift of the Eucharist. May we never be ashamed or too proud to lay our problems, sorrows, and joys at the foot of the Cross. Amen

Susan Casleton is a member of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist team whose hope is to strengthen the Eucharistic faith of St. John the Baptist Parish members.



RELIEF DRIVE FOR SACRED HEART MISSIONS Our Social Concerns Committee and

Youth Ministry will again be collecting items in the Ministry Center (Old Church) for

Sacred Heart Missions in Walls, Mississippi.

DROP OFF DATES: APRIL 3, 10,17 & 24

- •New or slightly worn children's clothing & shoes including coats/jackets
- •Bedspreads, blankets, afghans, sheets, sleeping bags
- •Towels, washcloths
- •General household items, pots & pans, plates, glasses and utensils, dishes, silverware, toasters, microwaves
- •Fans, heaters, folding tables, folding chairs, coffee tables & end tables, recliners, sofas, lamps, beds (no mattresses—air mattresses only)
- •Tools, rakes, shovels
- Children's books

- •Walkers, wheel chairs
- •Personal hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.
- •School supplies, such a pencils, pens, glue sticks, markers, art supplies.
- •Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks out to Sacred Heart Missions.

Please no mirrors, carpets, desks, file cabinets or mini blinds

For more information, contact Deacon Nick: 920-494-5105 or Lori Janowski: 920-606-6147

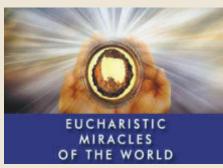


What's Left to talk about?

We are ending our monthly communication about the projects involved in our one by One Capital Campaign. The weekend of March 20/21 Dan Roarty will be sharing the proposed renovation ideas for our parking lot, playground, and Ministry Center. Besides being a historical building with thousands of emotional connections, the Ministry Center is used on a daily basis by the school, parish, and community. Our plan is to restore and revitalize this space. Dan will be discussing these three at a high level as there is a lot of information to share.

There will be infographics coming within the next several weeks to share more of the information. We invite you to ask any questions you may have after Mass. Sarah Wulf, Bill Wulf, and Dan Roarty will be available to answer any questions you have.

If you are unable to make it to Mass, you can contact Sarah Wulf at swulf@sjbh.org.



EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

Beginning Saturday, March 20 our parish will host a display of recorded Eucharist Miracles of the World. The exhibit will be available for viewing in the Narthex from March 20 - March 30

This display will contain an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions and presents some of the principle Eucharistic Miracle's that have taken place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and have been documented and recognized by the Church. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time viewing the 30 panel display and become aware of these awesome miracles.

It is indeed true that the most important and astounding miracle is the one that takes place whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, during which Jesus Christ is truly present in a Sacramental way with His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity under the appearance of bread and wine.

Everyone is invited and welcome to witness this magnificent exhibit which has been endorsed by Bishop Ricken. Donations will be taken to allow more parishes to enjoy this display in the future.

COME AND SEE AND BRING A FRIEND !

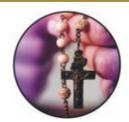


LOVE BEGINS HERE AT ST. JOHN'S | JULY 11–15

Do you enjoy community service? Would you like the opportunity to serve those within our community and within our parish for a few days this summer? *Love Begins Here* is a service-oriented mission started by the Diocese of Green Bay in 2017 that focuses on getting students out into their own community to serve and help where there is a need. We are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to host one of these weeks from July 11–15. The

week begins with an orientation Sunday evening and runs through Thursday morning. This is an opportunity that is open to High School students who will have completed one year of High School (grades 9–12 during the 2020–2021 school year).

> Registration closes on Monday, April 26. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Rob Sobieck at rsobieck@sjbh.org or 920-434-2145, ext. 203.



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM in church and

Sunday Morning 7:30 AM in church

Lenten Formation Night: Real Presence–God's Gifts of Himself

Do you believe that Jesus is truly present at Communion? How would you answer that question? Maybe you don't know the answer or maybe you believe but don't know how to articulate an answer.

Join us for two nights to discover the answer to this question and so much more. Each night will consist of a video, short talk, and time for Q&A. We will use this program, 'Presence', to get to the heart of the sacrament. Even if you



feel you have a great understanding of these free gifts of God's life and love, God is exhaustive and so are his mysteries. We can always dive deeper.

All nights will run from 6–7pm in the Church, will be live streamed, and are for everyone. Dates include March 22 and March 29.

God is tirelessly pursuing us; to be in relationship with us. The sacrament of the Eucharist, is one way in which God communicates his very life and love to us. How do you respond to this great gift of himself?

> Any questions, contact Katie Westhoven: kwesthoven@sjbh.org or 920-434-2145 ext. 204.

PARISH LIFE



You're invited to join us for 40 Days for Life as we continue to walk on Thursdavs from Noon until 2:00 P.M.

40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you interested in joining the men

evenings from 8:00-9:00, and walking on Thursday please call Butch 920-434-3679.

Planned Parenthood 2605 S Oneida Street in Ashwaubenon.

If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Paula at 920-857-8265.

40daysforlife.com/greenbay



We Rise Again By Inspiring Faith



One of the gifts of the pandemic has been a reminder that the people are the Church. Parishes gather small Reconnect to Inspire groups, working through the joys and challenges together.

Thanks to the support of the Bishop's Appeal, the Church has found innovative and effective ways to reconnect with families.

Please give today! www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give



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month

(Apr. 3*, May 1, June 5, etc)

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Monthly DINNER Fundraiser (St. John the Baptist Duck Creek Council 6279)



THE CANDY BARS are HERE!

The Catholic Women/ Christian Mothers

would like to remind all those that participated in our Seroogy's candy sale that the candy bar pick up will take place on the following dates and times in our School Gym. All monies are due at time of pick up, cash or check only.

Please make checks payable to:

Catholic Women of St. John the Baptist.

Sun. March 21: 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. Mon. March 22: 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. Sun. March 28: 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. Mon. March 29: 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

We are still adhering to social distance guidelines and offer the pick up in a safe social distancing environment. We would like to Thank all of the tremendous support from the people of St. John the Baptist of Howard.

We are humbled by the many families that have come forward to support us in our cause.

SEROOGY'S CANDY BARS - CASH AND CARRY



Catholic Women/Christian Mothers will offer an opportunity to purchase Seroogy's Mint Meltaway, Peanut Butter Crisp Meltaway or Shock Rock Meltaway after all of the Masses on the weekends of March 20-21st, and March 27th-28th until all are gone. Watch for our Members at tables outside the doors and grab yourself a wonderful treat. Thank you for your support as we continue our ability to provide for our community.



SPAGHETTI When: 1st Saturday of every When: 2nd Sunday of every

> month (Apr. 11*, May 9, June 13, etc) Time: 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Where: Townline Pub & Grill 2544 Lineville Rd. Suamico, WI (920) 434-7943 Dine-in, carry-out, or delivery available

*Indicates proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul, Howard!

Just order any delicious Townline pizza or spaghetti dinner. A portion of every purchase will support the Knights of Columbus!

ALL ARE WELCOME - TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

PARISH INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WFFKDAY MASSES

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM

First Thursday: 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM (Holy Hour at 6:30 PM)

Third Thursday: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY ROSARY

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM Sunday: 7:30 AM

STAFF & CONTACTS

PASTORAL TEAM

PARISH OFFICE: (920) 434-2145

Pastor Rev. James W. Lucas | Ext. 211

Deacons Manny Torres & Nick Williams **Business Administrator**

Sarah Wulf | Ext. 213 Bookkeeper Lisa Piechota | Ext. 202

School Principal Andrew Mulloy | Ext. 221

Pastoral Minister Ruth Holloway | Ext. 209

Liturgy and Music Karen Buchinger | Ext. 232

SCRIP & Cemetery Lynn McKean | Ext. 208

Parish Secretary Teresa Schroeder | Ext. 201

FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-5 Susan Casleton |Ext. 205

Grades 6-12/Youth Evangelization Lisa Christiansen | Ext. 214 Rob Sobieck | Ext. 203

Faith Formation Secretary Jennifer Garcia | Ext. 206

Sacramental Coordinator Katie Westhoven | Ext. 204

PARISH TRUSTEES Becky Bond | Secretary-Trustee Jeff Taylor | Treasurer-Trustee

COUNCIL CHAIRS

Pastoral Council | Dan Tooley Meets on the second Thursday of the month

Finance Council | Michelle Dahlke Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month



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