



St. John THE Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH

DECEMBER 19TH, 2021 | 4RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

PRAYER | WORSHIP

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

TUESDAY, December 21
8:30 AM Peter Jokiel

WEDNESDAY, December 22
8:30 AM Linda Noronha

THURSDAY, December 23
8:30 AM Ralph Klasen

FRIDAY, December 24
8:30 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, December 25
9:00 AM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, December 26
8:00 AM Ron Larson
10:00 AM William (Bill) Bailey



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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DECEMBER 26TH | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday–Friday: 8:30 AM

EUCCHARISTIC 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

PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday–Friday, Noon to 1:00 PM

COMMUNITY ROSARY

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

STEWARDSHIP OF SHARING

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Weekly Envelopes	\$ 6,178.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,218.30
Loose Collection	\$ 242.00
Children's Collection	\$ 126.27
EFT December 1st	<u>\$ 14,470.00</u>
	\$22,234.57

November Actual	Prior Year November	Month Budget	Current Month Actual Variance	Current Year Budget to Actual Variance
2021-2022	2020-2021	2021-2022		
\$98,787	\$121,808	\$123,600	-\$23,022	-\$24,813

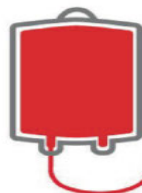
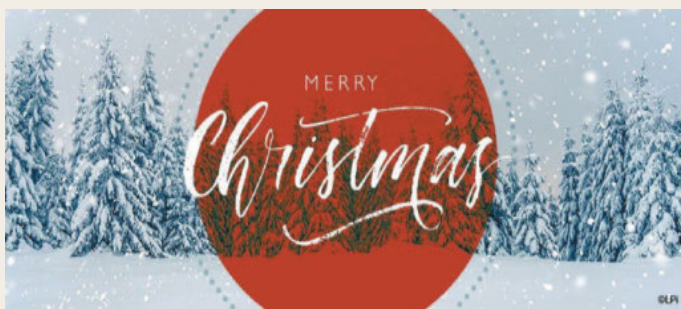
Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual Variance	Year to Date Budget to Actual Variance
2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021		
\$ 521,857	\$523,309	\$582,700	-\$1,453	-\$60,843



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH & SCHOOL!!



BOTH FR. JIM & FR. RAJA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:30AM-UNTIL NEEDED DURING THIS SEASON OF ADVENT!



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Howard Suamico Holiday Blood Drive

St John the Baptist School - Gym
2561 Glendale Ave

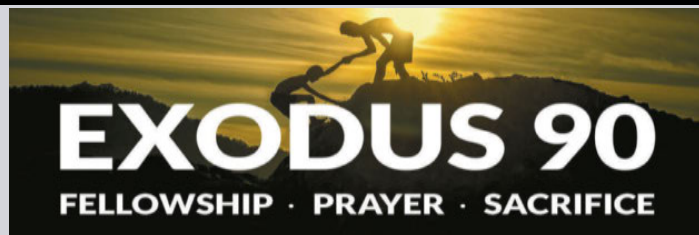
**Thursday, December 23, 2021
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: GB Holiday Drive

All presenting donors will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win great prizes including a Chrome Book!

Special refreshments will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS



EXODUS 90

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Exodus 90 coming to St. John the Baptist!

Looking for a way to deepen your faith and grow in community? Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: prayer, asceticism (discipline), and fraternity. It will run from January 17 through Easter (April 17.) The experience of Exodus 90 has allowed many men to experience freedom and detachment in their life that allows them to be more present to the Lord and their family. St. John the Baptist will be looking to start a group this January. If you are interested, please email Rob Sobieck at rsobieck@sjbh.org or call 920-434-2145, ext. 203. In the meantime, check out the Exodus 90 website for more info at www.exodus90.com.



**Friday, March 4, 2022
Rock Garden
1951 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303**

To purchase tickets, please stop in the Parish Office Monday–Thursday 8:00 am–4:00 pm! Checks should be made out to GRACE with a subject line of: "SJB Raffle"!

Tickets \$100.00 each
Only 300 tickets sold!
Drawing held at 10:00 pm on night of event.

GRAND PRIZE \$10,000
2 - 2nd Prizes - \$1000 each
3 - 3rd Prizes - \$500 each

HS Game Night

board games, consoles and cards

Beginning January
2nd & 4th Mondays
7-9pm
Ministry Center



Christmas Mass Times!

Christmas Eve:

HOLY HOUR 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
ROSARY 8:00 AM & MASS 8:30 AM

Christmas Day:

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

(4:00PM MASS
WILL BE
LIVE-STREAMED)

6:30 PM

11:00 PM

PLEASE COME JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS TO ENCOUNTER
IMMANUEL "GOD WITH US" AS A PARISH FAMILY!

-NO RSVP REQUIRED
-MASKS RECOMMENDED
-DESIGNATED MASKS
REQUIRED AREAS



Parish News & Updates

Retirement Collection

Diocesan Priest Retirement
& National Retirement Fund
for Religious



Share in the Care

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church or the parish office to share in the care of our retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A 2 STAGE SNOWBLOWER!

Due to street improvements and added sidewalk at our Pinecrest cemetery, we are in need of a 2 stage snowblower to clear the sidewalk.

If you have one that's no longer being used, please contact Bill Wulf at:

(920) 434-2145, ext. 245 or
maint@sjbh.org



If you live in the vicinity and are interested in caring for those walks, I would love to hear from you as well.



For Our Donors

Thank you so much for donating to St. John the Baptist Little Free Pantry. *With the onset of winter, we are asking that only dry goods be placed in the pantry.* Canned goods are capable of freezing and it may affect the quality of the product. We would still love your donations. Please consider donating items such as cereal, oatmeal, pasta, baking mixes, gravy packets, crackers, paper products etc.

For Our Shoppers

With our limited supplies please consider contacting the following full service food pantries for assistance:

Paul's Pantry

1531 Leo Frigo Way
Green Bay, WI 54302
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The Howard/Suamico Giving Tree

Green Bay Community Campus
600 Cardinal Lane
Green Bay, WI 54313
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To All St. John the Baptist Parishioners.

Each weekend presents us with a unique opportunity to truly welcome all visitors who worship with us. We must remember that each greeter, usher, and parishioner may be the only personal contact from SJB Parish who reaches out and warmly welcomes the visitor that day. As a parishioner, your welcoming may be the catalyst that will inspire our guest(s) to return to worship with us in the future.

You are St. John's Welcoming Ambassadors! Whether it is in the parking lot, sidewalk, in the narthex or as you are leaving church, we are *all* challenged to demonstrate the care our community offers to each visitor and welcome every person who worships with us.

Please reach out to those around you and say,
"Welcome, glad you are here."



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

WATCH

CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



<https://watch.formed.org/pick-of-the-week>

FORMED is recommended by the SJB Stewardship Committee.

Pictures from last Friday's Garden of Lights & Nativity Scene making night! Thank you to all who made this night possible & thank you to the 7 Seminarian's from our Diocese who joined us for the evening.

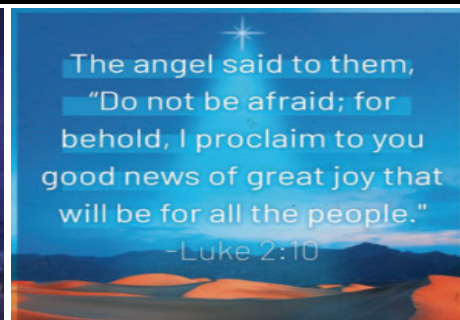
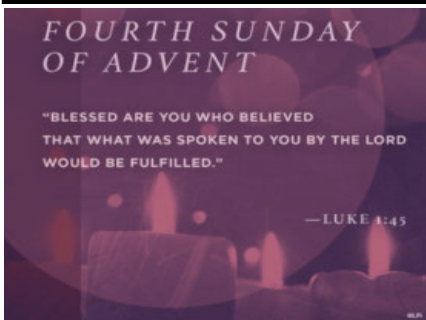


Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.



A Prayer for Those Feeling Loss at Christmas

Dear Heavenly Father, though Christmas is sometimes hard because we miss the ones we love, help me remember the gift You gave—Your Son, Jesus, a baby born to die. Thank You for this gift of love, help me receive it. In times of grief and sadness, remind me of the reason and fill me with Your Peace.

Mighty God, I ask You for the power to press on and Everlasting Father, I thank You for carrying me when it's hard to walk.

Wonderful Counselor, I pray You'd fill my mind with wisdom and may the Prince of Peace rule my heart. This Christmas help me remember it's not about the people I celebrate with, but the One we celebrate! In Jesus' Name, Amen

PARISH INFORMATION

STAFF & CONTACTS

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor
Rev. James W. Lucas | Ext. 211

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Sarah Wulf | Ext. 213

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Andrew Mulloy | Ext. 221

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Ruth Holloway | Ext. 209

Liturgy & Music
Karen Buchinger | Ext. 232

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Lynn McKean | Ext. 208

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Ashley Prokash | Ext. 201

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Discipleship & Faith Formation
Mike Iversen | Ext. 210

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Kylie Rogers | Ext. 205

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Rob Sobieck | Ext. 203

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Kate Iversen | Ext. 200

Adult Formation Coordinator
Lisa Christiansen | Ext. 214

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Jennifer Garcia | Ext. 206

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Bill Wulf | Ext. 245

PARISH TRUSTEES

Secretary-Trustee | Becky Bond
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