

March 16, 2014

St. John the Evangelist

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30* & 10:45 am
* Every Sunday, except the
3rd Sunday, signed & spoken Mass
for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Tues & Thursday 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-3:30pm
and by appointment



2nd Sunday of Lent

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." *Mt 17:4-5*

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I always will remember when I was in grade school religious education classes and it came time to learn about the Holy Trinity. The good religious sister who taught the class said, “Now children, the Holy Trinity is...a mystery!” Then she went on to try and explain it – which made no sense at all! But she ended by saying, “Remember children – it’s a mystery!” And that seemed to work much better. And so, as the world turns, it is now my time to try and explain the Holy Trinity. I will follow the same path as this holy nun did many years ago. First of all I must say, “IT’S A MYSTERY!” Alas, now it’s time for the explanation...

The existence of the Holy Trinity is one of the core teachings of Christianity. One cannot deny the existence of the Holy Trinity and remain a Christian – it is simply impossible. We believe that God is one in three and three in one. Put another way, we believe that God is three persons, yet one God. But what does this mean?

Let’s think of God as a relationship within Himself. A family or community of persons, if you will. We use the word “person” not in a biological way but to denote a relationship. One must first be a person before one can be in a relationship with another. And so, God the Father loves His Son Jesus with a divine, powerful, fatherly love. Jesus loves His Father with a divine, powerful, love of a son. This love then between Father and Son is so strong that it takes on a life of its own – the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit then is the love of God within Himself which is then poured out upon all of us. So God IS love – not just loving, but He IS love within Himself. And this love is the Holy Trinity – a relationship of love between persons.

So God is not alone. Where the Father is, there is the Son and the Holy Spirit. And the same is true for the Son and for the Holy Spirit. Although the three Persons cannot be separated, they remain distinct from each other. The Holy Trinity then becomes a model for the life of the Church which, after all, is a community of persons. The Holy Trinity is also the model for family life. And so, we believe in one God who is a relationship of love within Himself – a community of Persons.

Although the word “Trinity” is not written explicitly in the Bible, there are numerous references in both the Old and the New Testaments that speak towards this reality. The early Church believed in the existence of the Holy Trinity even though it was spoken of in a more informal way. By the 300’s, however, there was a need to formally define exactly what we believed regarding the Holy Trinity. After all, it is a difficult concept to understand and is easily open to misinterpretation. And so, in 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicea, the Church developed the Nicene Creed which delineates in a precise manner what we believe regarding the Holy Trinity. This same Nicene Creed we pray every weekend at Mass! Sadly, there were and remain many false teachings or heresies regarding the Holy Trinity. Some have mistakenly stated that we actually believe in three gods. (The heresy of tri-theism) Others believed that God appeared throughout history in various ways or modes – sometimes as the Father, sometimes as the Son, and sometimes as the Holy Spirit. (The heresy of modalism). Others believed that Jesus was not God but only perfectly human (The heresy of Arianism). All of these false teachings were condemned by the Church.

And so we have an explanation of the Holy Trinity. God is a relationship of love within Himself which He then pours out upon all of His creation. God is one in three and three is one. He is not alone, but rather a community of persons. And if this explanation is not helpful, might I suggest we return to the old stand-by? THE HOLY TRINITY IS A MYSTERY! And thus it remains.

May God Bless You, Fr. Girotti



GREEN EGGS AND HAM THIS SUNDAY! Come on down after the 10:45 Mass or come on back Sunday if you are here for the 4:00! Green Eggs and Ham will be here, there and everywhere in the Social Hall and for those not crazy about Sam’s favorite breakfast; there will be something else instead!

STAFF	Faith Formation: Susan Perrault	ext 204
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MISSION STATEMENT *Nourished by the Eucharist, inspired by the shared celebration of the Gospel, and committed to life long faith formation, our bilingual and bicultural Catholic parish of Deaf and Hearing persons responds to the needs of a wider, diverse community. Side by side, we share the light of Christ as we welcome, shelter, and serve without judgment, promoting peace and justice for all people.*

MASS INTENTIONS: Contact the Parish Office
BAPTISM: Contact two months prior to the date of Baptism: Dcn. Tom Mahoney or Bob Kamasky(920)472-4853 (VP)
MARRIAGE : Contact Maureen Rompa nine months prior to the desired date
1ST COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION/CONFIRMATION: Contact Dcn. Tom Mahoney
SACRAMENTS OF THE SICK/HOSPITAL & HOME VISITS: Contact Fr. John Girotti or Dcn. Tom Mahoney
CHILDREN OF GOD: Liturgy of the Word 10:45 am every Sunday for ages 4 - 2nd Grade (No Pre-registration Necessary)



CAR CHAT-TABLE TALK-FAITH FORMATION AT HOME

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Three of Jesus' closest friends struggle to make sense in their effort to develop a new understanding of him as they are allowed to get an amazing glimpse of him as he will be *after* his passion, death, and resurrection. Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of the Law (represented by Moses) and the Prophets (represented by Elijah) of the Old Testament. He is Son of God and Messiah, in whom we experience God's presence and in whose image we will be transfigured.

We read the story of the transfiguration so that we, too, might be led to a new understanding of Jesus. Eternal life with Jesus in heaven can be so hard to imagine and too easy to forget as we go about our day to day routines here on Earth. But Jesus reminds us, "Do not be afraid! Keep focused on me." And when we keep our eyes and our hearts open to his presence among us, we can catch a glimpse of him as we pray, as we worship together, as we love and serve one another without judgment, especially those most poor and most vulnerable.

This week, as a household of faith, do not be afraid to take on some new and different ways to make Jesus' love real through some new and different acts of service... Can you reach out to someone who is lonely? A phone call or a visit with a shut-in? Is there someone in the neighborhood in need of help with a chore or task? Might you share lunch/recess time with a classmate who might not have a lot of friends? Can you agree to fast from screens (TV, computer, texting, or video games) and use that time to organize some closets/drawers in an effort to give things away? Let your Catholic imaginations be your guide -do not be afraid!



According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2223)

Parents have the responsibility for the education and formation of their children.

Car Chat - Table Talk & At-Home Activities are provided to SJE Households of Faith in support of the family's role as the primary educators of the next generation.

SEEKING MARRIAGE HELP? Married yet feeling alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?



Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential info about or to register for upcoming opportunities throughout our area, including the April 11-13 program to be held at the Norbertine Spirituality Center /DePere call (920) 366-3121 or visit www.retrouvaille.org



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR It is the Holy Spirit who calls, leads, awakens, empowers, and brings about change. If we learn to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit we can be a light in the darkness. Come join us for a 7 week course offered at St. Bernard Parish, 2040 Hillside Lane, Green Bay, in the Chapel on Thursday nights from 7—9 pm, starting April 24 through June 5, sponsored by the Diocesan Charismatic Renewal. The seminar is designed to bring about a personal and spiritual transformation

through a fuller release of the power of the Holy Spirit in your daily life. A free-will offering will be taken. Explanation sessions will be on April 3 & April 7 at 7 p.m. in the St. Bernard's Chapel. Participation in one explanation session is necessary to attend the seminar. (Check for brochures in the back of church or on the bulletin board) For more Karen Lepp 920-468-7481, Jean Wochos 920-255-2693, Terry Rennells 920-494-3248, Nancy Tlachac 920-468-3335, or Carol Abts 920-468-8607.



SJE SHELTER WISH LIST IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- dish soap
- large garbage bags 45 + gallon size
- floor cleaning products such as Pine Sol or Mr. Clean, etc.
- disposable cereal or soup bowls
- disinfectant wipes
- your prayers ☺
- people willing to work with local government & nonprofit agencies on the respect life issues

of poverty and homelessness in our area -volunteers to cover a wide variety of tasks & projects, both day/night shifts.

Please call Jackie at 436-9344 for more conversation and information.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry & outreach of the shelter.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION @ THE NORBERTINE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Saturday Morning Lenten Series, 8:15 to 11:00, every Saturday thru April 5; attend 1 or 2 or all; each focusing on that Sunday's Gospel. See the web site at www.norbertines.org/programs.html for more details and each speaker.

Call 337-4315 to register - no cost but free will offerings graciously accepted.

The Center is offering a wide variety of Lenten reflection sessions, both day & night, including the very, very popular *Day for Men* on Saturday March 29 with keynote by Coach Joe Lombardi... register soon--it fills up fast!

March 26 6:30 - Fr. Neilson: *The Stations*

April, 1, 8, 15 - 6:30 *Recognizing the Face of Christ Series* with Fr. Neilson

April 3 6:30 - *Heaven: Is It For Real?* with Fr. John Tourangeau



From St. John's Care Ministry

Please call the office if you experience the loss of a loved one who is not a member of St. John's. Let us know if you would like one of our care ministers to contact you or pray with/for you during your difficult time. Also, the monthly meeting for Care Ministers will be March 24th from 5:30-7:00 PM in the SJE Chapel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK MEMBERS:

Judy Ferguson, Bernice Atkinson, Dorothea Phillips, Mary & Ron, Jr. Wichman, Carol Noack, Nina Sutton, Char Turner, Rita Schumacher, Butch Stauff, Tom Conard, Rosemary Dionne, Ann Zeller-Bielefeldt, Warren DeGroot, Ron Wallace, Barb Tassoul, Sharon Sannes, Jacque Beyer, Pat Kindlin, Morgan Barr, Jewel Luedtke, George Schwade, Dottie Schoenleber, Dale Lannoye, Mary Hardie-Roze, Bridget Hunkins, Jeff Kaftan, Wayne Jirovetz, Rose Denisson, George Hoeffel, Elaine O'Connor, and Adam Kosidowski



*Happy Birthday this week of March 16
Aaron Boyce, Randall Hovde, Ellen Huebner, Mary Sauvey, Jacinta Van Iten, Aimee Jahnke*



**BISHOP'S APPEAL
52% toward Goal**

This special campaign supports the ministries of the Diocese. Thank you in helping us reach our goal of just over \$18,585. To date, \$9,642 has been given by 55 SJE parishioners. *Thank you!*



FATHER SAMUEL MAZZUCHELLI

Was also concerned with education and he developed a plan to "consolidate the holy work among the Menominee, establish a school for religious instruction for those already members of the Holy Church and facilitate the conversion of the pagans." On July 9, 1831 the first classes were held at St. John's for the Menominee children and a Sunday school for the adults. Fr. Mazzuchelli was the Superintendent, Rosalie Laborde Dousman was the teacher/director and Elizabeth Grignon was her assistant. The school Father Mazzuchelli established at Shantytown for the Menominee was taught by native speakers.



St. John the Evangelist LENT 2014

Confessions: Saturday 3: - 3:30
Stations of the Cross: Saturdays 3:00 pm, March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th & 12th,
Lenten Reconciliation, Thursday, April 3rd 6:30 p.m.
Holy Thursday 5:30 pm, Shared Liturgy
Good Friday 12:30 pm Shared Liturgy
Easter Vigil 8:30 pm
Easter Sunday 10:45 am Shared Liturgy

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral LENT 2014

Confessions: Wednesday - 6:30-8:30 & Saturdays 2:15
Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays, 6 pm, March 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th and 16th.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays, after 8:30 am Mass until Benediction at 8:45 pm.
No Adoration Wednesday, April 16th (Holy Week). Only Stations of the Cross and confessions.

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 15
4:00 pm	Living and Deceased Members of the Lynn Family
Sunday	March 16
10:45 am	† Roderick & Doris Blair
Monday	March 17
8:30 am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
Tuesday	March 18
8:30 am	Living and Deceased Members of SJE, SFX, St. Mary's of Bear Creek, and St. Rose of Clintonville
Wednesday	March 19
8:30 am	Rosary and Adoration
Thursday	March 20
8:30 am	† Patti Dellise
Friday	March 21
8:30 am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
Saturday	March 22
4:00 pm	† Marilyn Orlando
Sunday	March 23 Shared Liturgy
10:45 am	† Rob & Bob Hamer, Diane Lukas



Bible Study - All are Welcome!

March 21, 2014

Meet in Chapel at 9:15, Study at 9:30

Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42(28)

LITURGICAL ROLES-THIS UPCOMING WEEK

March 22 4:00 pm Mass	
Lector	J. Hansen
Mass Servers	T.Schampers
Eucharistic Min	R. Adriansen, D. Kirsch, C. Everson
March 23 10:45 a.m. Mass Shared Liturgy	
Lector	T. Weyers
Mass Servers	A. Christon & Henry L.
Eucharistic Min	S. Jirovetz, H. Desotell, T. Weyers
Children of God.....	K. Strutz

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

Finance	T, March 18 @ 7:30 a.m.
Buildings & Grounds	T, March 18 @ 5:00 p.m.
Care Ministry	Chapel, March 24 @ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP MARCH 8-9

Envelopes	\$2,819.00
Loose Collection	933.20
Total	\$3,572.20

MASS ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 22-23


4:00	8:30	10:45
155	36	155



A March 7th Pope Francis Tweet:

Our deepest joy comes from Christ: remaining with him, walking with him, being his disciples.

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