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Saturday:	Dec. 1	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Dorothy Schinker by Klopf Family; †Shelly Lorenz-Adair by Duane & Judy Woelfel
Saturday:	Dec. 1	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Ed Mauer by Bette & Bob Kluge
Sunday:	Dec. 2	St. John's	9:00 am	†Ed Zingsheim by Family (<i>choir sings</i>)
Sunday:	Dec. 2	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners; †Cecil & Joan White by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Monday:	Dec. 3	St. John's	7:00 am	†Roy Ebben Family by K. Schmeling
Tuesday:	Dec. 4	Blessed Trinity	8:00 am	†Edward Selk by Shirley Selk
Wednesday:	Dec. 5	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis J. Wilimek by Peggy Daoust
Thursday:	Dec. 6	Blessed Trinity	8:00 am	†Wilford Rohde
1 st Friday:	Dec. 7	St. John's	7:00 am	†Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner
1 st Friday:	Dec. 7	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Art & Marie Kampmann & Family by Ron
Friday:	Dec. 7	Blessed Trinity	6:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners; †Rosemary Eigenberger by Family
Saturday:	Dec. 8	Blessed Trinity	4:00 am	†Thomas & Mary Buechler and Jerome Buechler; †Lori Pribek
Saturday:	Dec. 8	St. John's	5:30 pm	†McGinnis & Bruecker Families by Bill & Georgiana McGinnis
Sunday:	Dec. 9	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners (<i>choir sings</i>)
Sunday:	Dec. 9	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Don Breunig; †Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica Jensen



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	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>LAY DISTRIBUTORS OF COMMUNION-2nd</u>			<u>USHERS-2nd</u>	<u>GREETERS-2nd</u>
December 3, 5, 7 7:00 am	Abbey Janssen Neela Shepard						
Saturday, December 8 5:30 pm	David Benishek Ben Guesneau	Ben Herold	Susan Vavra	Patti Cosgrove (C)	Diane Torke (C)	Mel Free Volunteer	Judy & Gerald Loth
Sunday, December 9 9:00 am	Greg Tengowski Rachel Yetzer	Olivia Grose	Tom Reilly	Tony Yetzer (C)	Volunteer (C)	Rich Tauferner Leslie Yetzer	Diane & Dave Hart

COMMUNION SERVICES: Tuesday & Thursday, 7:00 am at St. John Evangelist Church**PRAY THE ROSARY during the week** with us at St. John Evangelist Church, Kohler, Monday-Friday at 6:40 am.**CONFESSIONS:** 3rd, 4th, 5th Saturday of the month, 3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist; 1st, 2nd Saturday of the month, 3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity**COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Every 2nd Saturday of the month after the 5:30 pm Mass. Please come to the front of church.**HOSTS & WINE FOR DECEMBER:** In Memory of the Walter Schmeling Family by K. & S. Schmeling**November 24/25, 2018 COLLECTION** (contribution envelopes, electronic-giving and loose offering): \$5551.15**CHOIR:** Practice, Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 pm; Sing, Sunday, December 9, 9:00 am**MEETING:** Alcoholics Anonymous, Mondays, 6:00 am, St. John Evangelist Parish (school wing)**BABYSITTING:** Nursery care offered during the **9:00 am** Mass. Sitters on **December 9:** Sarah Olaso and Cooper Zielke**MISSION SOCIETY** meets every Tuesday 8:30-11:00 for quilt making. All are welcome to join.**PARISH SOCIAL:** TODAY, December 2 in the gathering space after the 9:00 am Mass. Hosted by the Funeral Committee.

All are welcome to enjoy refreshments and visit. Free-will offerings are accepted and appreciated.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL: December 7 after the 7:00 am Mass at St. John's. Hosted by the Catholic Life Center.**PACKAGES OF MT. MERU COFFEE** are for sale after the 9:00 Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the gathering space. *This delicious coffee makes a wonderful Christmas gift for the coffee lovers on your gift list.***FOOD PANTRY:** Please bring donations to the multi-purpose room THIS weekend, December 1/2. Delivery to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry is 9:30 am on Monday, December 3 by Ken and Lori Udovich.**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Charlotte Lu Zeman, daughter of Olivia (Simenz) and Matthew Zeman, November 25, 2019.**THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS** will be offered next Sunday, December 9, 3:00 pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Sheboygan.**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for senior priest, Rev. Robert E. Massey will be celebrated at noon on Monday, December 3, 2018, at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lake Geneva. Please remember Fr. Massey and his family in prayer.**MOST REVEREND JAMES T. SCHUERMAN, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF MILWAUKEE** will be celebrating all Masses at St. John Evangelist & Blessed Trinity Parishes next weekend, December 8/9. We look forward to the Bishop's visit and offer our welcome.**PARISH OFFICE PERSONNEL NEWS:** Welcome to Gretchen Free who will be joining the St. John's staff as Office Administrator effective December 10. Gretchen is assuming this role held by Carol Benishek who accepted a new job opportunity in Two Rivers.**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is Saturday, December 8. Mass will be offered on Friday, December 7, 6:30 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish. Additional Masses: Friday, December 7, 5:15 pm at St. Clement Parish, Sheboygan (Spanish); 6:30 pm at St. Dominic Parish, Sheboygan; and Saturday, December 8, 8:00 am at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Sheboygan; and 12:10 pm at St. Clement Parish.**ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY FLOWER COLLECTION:** A special collection will take place after Holy Communion this weekend, December 1/2 for the work of the St. Anne Altar Society. Thank you for your generosity.

Christ is Coming!

ADVENT MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE: *Yes, Thanksgiving and Black Friday are behind us and now we are in a festive mood. As the popular press tells us, we are in the holiday season. Wherever we go, houses and city streets are decorated with "holiday lights", shops are busy and definitely there is a joyful atmosphere everywhere. Though our secular society does not openly agree, the sole reason for this joyful season is the birth of Christ. We know and proclaim this truth and loudly greet each other not Happy Holidays but MERRY CHRISTMAS. The truth is out there. Christ, the Son of God, Emmanuel is in our midst. What else do we need to be exuberant and joyful? Of course, as we are about to celebrate the birthday of our Savior, we have our down moments, both in the form of natural and human-made tragedies. The fire in Paradise, California and its human toll, the gun violence in different parts of the country and the never-ending war in Afghanistan, Syria and other parts of the world are fresh in our minds. The sexual abuse of minors in our Church and its consequences are hurting the faithful. The lack of decency and civility in public life is another reality we must confront in our lives. In all this apparent dark cloud, there is the radiant and ever-assuring presence of Emmanuel who brings the awesome mystery of God ever-present in our lives. So, may I suggest, despite the "very busy tag" around our neck, we consciously find some time to cherish that presence of Emmanuel. Happy and holy Advent season.*

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS are in the pews. Please take home for daily Advent meditation.**GIVING TREE:** The St. Anne's Altar Society is holding its winter clothing drive to benefit Catholic Charities. Tags with suggested donations are on the "Giving Tree" located in the gathering space. Items should be new and unwrapped. Please place your donation under the tree by Sunday, December 16. Please contact Lori Udovich (452-1955) with questions.**ROCKY KNOLL CHRISTMAS GIFT DONATIONS:** Please donate NEW items to Rocky Knoll Health Care Center residents. Donations may be placed in the bins located in the gathering space and church entrances by next Sunday, December 9 at 9:00 am.**KOHLER VILLAGE CAROLING WALK:** next Sunday, December 9, 4:00 pm. This walk begins at St. John's, proceeds to Grace United Church of Christ and concludes at Bethany Lutheran Church with a social.