

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH

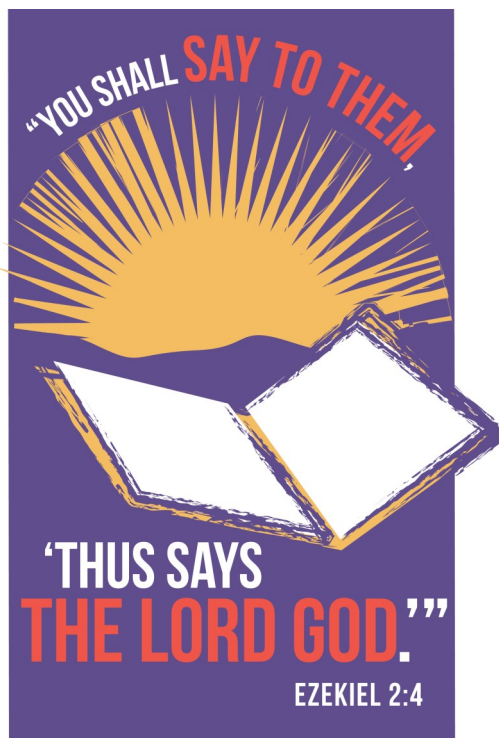


**JULY 4, 2021 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until approximately noon Tuesday through Friday for private prayer.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 3	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann, †Russell McCoy by Evonne McCoy
Saturday	July 3	St. John's	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners Special Intention for Georgiana & Bill McGinnis
Sunday	July 4	St. John's	9:00 am	
Sunday	July 4	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Lucille Micoliczuk, †Gordon Rammer Sr. by LuAnne Immel & Rick Rammer
Tuesday	July 6	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Jim & Ann Higgins
Wednesday	July 7	St. John's	7:00 am	†Morris & Ruth Swenson by K & S Schmeling
Thursday	July 8	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†John Buechler by Nancy Breunig
Friday	July 9	St. John's	7:00 am	Special Intention for Rita Nettesheim
Saturday	July 10	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Don & Nancy Peronne by Dick Goebel, †Jim & Kay Altmeyer by Hefling Family
Saturday	July 10	St. John's	5:30 pm	†John & Margaret Sromovsky by Benishek Family
Sunday	July 11	St. John's	9:00 am	†Benjamin Bustos by Bustos Family, †Dorothy Reilly by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Sunday	July 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



**RECONCILIATION:** Reconciliation offered at Blessed Trinity on **Saturday, July 10** at **3:00 pm**.

**FINANCIALS: June 26/27:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,066.25.

**MT. MERU COFFEE:** Stop by the coffee stand in the gathering space on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and pick up a bag of beans or grounds.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observation of the Fourth of July.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Please bring your non-perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, July 4.** Items will be delivered on **Tuesday, July 6.** Right now, they are in special need of paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins. Please refrain from donating cereal, pasta, pasta sauce and peanut butter. Thank you to everyone who has donated.



**WELCOME NEW ST. JOHN EVANGELIST STAFF MEMBER: TERESA BETTAG!**

We welcome Teresa Bettag as the new Coordinator of Religious Education Grades 7 - 11. She began the job on July 1. Please take a moment to welcome her when you see her at Mass.

If you travel this summer  
your parish will miss  
your support.

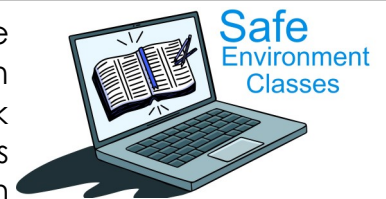
*To give, please contact  
your parish or visit their website.*

*Thank you!*



**THANK YOU!** We thank Jen Vallo for her leadership as Coordinator of Religious Education Grades 7 - 11 these past years and wish her success in her future endeavors.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES:** Due to COVID-19, all safe environment education training sessions are conducted virtually in accordance with the guidelines laid out in the Catholic Comeback matrix. Participants will register for a session using the same process as an in-person session, and will be emailed the session log-in information 48 hours prior to the session. For those attending Safe Environment Education session: All participants must arrive on time and stay for the entire session. Latecomers will not be admitted and those who leave early will not receive credit for attendance. Safe Environment Education sessions are not appropriate for those under the age of 18 years. Please plan on select a session that will allow you to participate without minors present. You will need to complete the online registration for your safe environment education session. If you are having difficulty registering for the session or have questions, please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnev@btsje.org or the Safe Environment Office Administrative Assistant Cynthia Rivera-Garcia at (414) 769-3447. Assistance is available in English and Spanish. Anyone who works with children, including Catechists and volunteers, must attend a Safe Environment session. The class only needs to be taken once.



**PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:** A reminder to parents of young children: The Ushers are not always in the back of church to watch when your children might be back there to use the rest rooms. For their safety, we encourage a parent to accompany children when they leave your pew.

## Sign Of The Cross: Sign of our Faith



The Sign of the Cross, a special and meaningful prayer, is used for countless occasions and includes much symbolism. As Catholics we use the Sign of the Cross frequently, especially at the beginning and the end of other prayers.

There is great meaning in this short prayer. As you say this prayer, you are literally drawing a cross on your body, and when praying the Sign of the Cross, you are reaching out to each of the three persons in the Blessed Trinity.

Every Mass starts and ends with the Sign of the Cross. The Rosary also begins and ends with the Sign Of The Cross. Some make the Sign of the Cross after dipping their fingers in Holy Water when entering a Church (This is a reminder of our Baptismal promises). Others do so when an ambulance goes by, at a time of need, fear, or danger, or before going to sleep. There is no wrong time to pray the Sign of the Cross. It is a basic and useful prayer.

In some cultures, especially the Hispanic/Latinx culture, people kiss the tips of their fingers after making the Sign of the Cross. Members of the Eastern Church also hold their thumb and two fingers on their right hand together to further symbolize the Trinity as they make the cross.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2157) tells us that we should... "begin our days, our prayers, and our activities with the Sign of the Cross; dedicate the day to the glory of God; and call on the Savior's grace which helps us act in the Spirit as children of the Father..". The Catechism also reminds us that, "the Sign of the Cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties." While making the Sign of the Cross may sometimes seem like a routine action, it is not. It marks us as Christians and is a visible expression of our belief and hope in God; and so, as we give thanks for our many blessings on this Fourth of July Holiday Weekend we do it, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN"

References: Catholickids.com Summer 2020. The Sign of the Cross". Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2157).

~Jeanne Bitkers, Coordinator of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6

**Growing in our Faith - Summer 2021:** Families of our 4k-Grade 6 children and others are reminded of the interactive materials, including short videos (Bible Stories, Lives of the Saints, Prayers) and other materials all related to our Catholic faith that are found on the "Catholic Brain" website

If you haven't already done so, you are also welcome to visit the site and to sign up to access the material. For brief (37 seconds) and simple directions see:

Creating your account: <https://vimeo.com/398329237/0f1b600715>

Sign in as a Parent

St. John Evangelist Code: STJ34570

Questions? Contact Jeanne Bitkers or the Parish Office (920-452-9623).

**Tag Sale 2021!:** Thank you to everyone who helped to make St. Anne's annual Tag Sale a huge success! Although we had a shorter time frame this year to collect donations and to prepare for the sale, it looks to be our most successful Tag Sale to date, with net proceeds totaling approximately \$5,300.00.

This year's Tag Sale has already benefited many organizations with material and monetary donations - Mary's Room, Anchor of Hope, Emmaus Meal, St. Vincent de Paul, Sharon Richardson Hospice Store, Goodwill, Haiti Mission, Salvatorian Mission Warehouse, Kindred Hearts Family Service.

More opportunities to fund parish, community and beyond outreach projects and special events will be presented for discussion and consideration at the upcoming St. Anne Society membership meeting in late summer. St. Anne's welcomes suggestions of ways for St. Anne Society to serve, fund, and support causes and projects of importance and value.

Again, thank you all for donating, volunteering, and shopping our 2021 Tag Sale!

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**2021 SALVATION ARMY RIDE:** On Saturday, July 10, the Salvation Ride returns. You are able to choose a route of 10, 25, 50, 75 or 100 miles which include rest stops. For more detailed information, please see the poster on the bulletin board or check out their website at <http://www.thesalvationride.org/>. Pre-registration required and social distancing enforced.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL MEMORIAL MASS:** The St. Peter Claver Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting the SVdP Memorial Mass on **Monday, July 26** at **6:30 pm**. St. Peter Claver is located at 1439 S. 12th St. Sheboygan. All SVdP members are asked to participate in this Mass along with family and friends.

### **Volunteer to be Closer to God:**

Do you want to deepen your faith and relationship with God? Volunteer to engage in our Masses by becoming an Usher, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, or Greeter. At this time St John Evangelist Parish has need for:

**Ushers** - Volunteer once a month or as needed to greet and assist Mass attendees at a Saturday or Sunday Mass. Time commitment is about one hour/month.

**Lectors** - Do you enjoy reading? Lectors proclaim the Sacred Scriptures during Mass on the weekends or during the week. Both youth and adults may volunteer to be lectors. Time commitment is about one hour per month or more if you prefer.

**Altar Servers** - Anyone entering 5th grade and older may assist the priest in the sanctuary during Mass as an Altar Server. Training is provided. This is a wonderful way for younger students and others to participate in the Mass.

To volunteer for any of these roles, please contact Gretchen Free [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org) or (920) 452-9623. Training and ongoing support is provided for all those who volunteer.

