

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 28, 2023 PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:30 pm
 Sunday.....9:00 am
 Wednesday & Friday.....7:00 am
 1st Friday-Pine Haven.....10:00 am
 2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
4. Any other questions or concerns

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Chairperson.....Bridgitt Zielke

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Rich Tauferner

Peter Bustos

Tracy Kissel

Norma Horne

Jenny Roatch

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

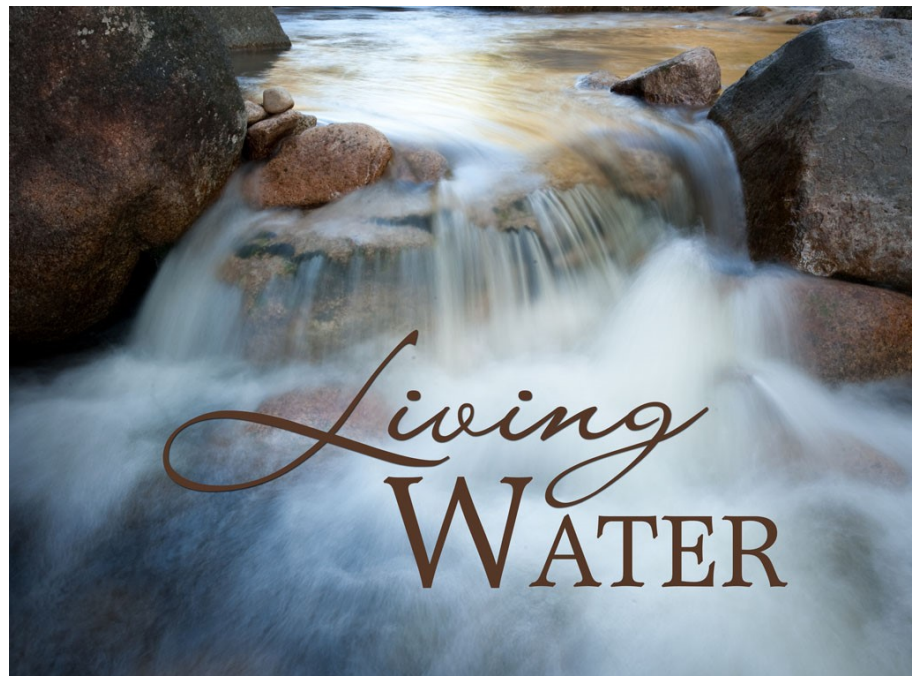
Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity

3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

LAY MINISTERS FOR MAY JUNE 3/4

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Angela Bustos	Diane Hart Gerry Loth
Servers		Anthony Justinger Patrick Bullard
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Mel Free
Ushers	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Patti Cosgrove	Sarafin Family



From Father Schmeckel:

Today, fifty days after Easter, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost, the time that the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the Apostles, and they were inspired on fire and sent out on mission. As we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit today, it is a good opportunity to pray about the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit that we too have been given.



These **seven gifts of the Holy Spirit** are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. We find the list of these gifts in the writings of the prophet Isaiah describing the working of the Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes these gifts as “permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.” (no. 1830) These gifts that are given at Baptism and fulfilled on the day of our Confirmation help us to find God in our daily lives and respond to the ways He calls us or asks us to act or speak. Equally as important, these gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to respond to God spontaneously and with joy – rather than sluggishly and sorrowfully!

We can also think about the **twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit** on this great feast of Pentecost! These come from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians. They are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. In our spiritual lives, these could be a good measure of whether or not we're on the 'right' track. If anger and meanness is a regular description of you, perhaps there is something that needs to change in your life. If you are often anxious about things, you might pray to the Holy Spirit for more peace in your life and in your heart – and how God might be calling to you to become more peaceful. If you're struggling with gluttony or over-indulging in television or social media (or a lack of self-control), perhaps the Holy Spirit is calling you to make a change!

In this week after Pentecost, let us take a moment to ask: **Do the fruits of the Holy Spirit describe me and my life? How is the Holy Spirit moving me to receive the gifts and fruits that He offers us?**

Next Sunday, Blessed Trinity Parish will celebrate our patronal feast day. On Sunday, June 4, Archbishop Jerome ListECKi will be the principal celebrant of the 10:30 AM Mass. We are excited to welcome him to our community and to celebrate our feast day with us!

On the following Sunday, June 11, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (or the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus). After the 9:00 AM Mass at Saint John Evangelist Parish, we will have a short procession with the Blessed Sacrament. This will be an opportunity to bring Jesus out into the world in a prayerful and powerful way! Please plan to join us!

MAY WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner.

FINANCIAL: MAY 20/21: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,574.00.



MEMORIAL DAY: As we observe Memorial Day this Monday, May 29, please reflect and pray for those who have died for their country. *“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.”* We also remember those who have served or are presently facing danger in defense of freedom.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	May 27	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Saturday	May 27	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Arlene Underhill by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Sunday	May 28	St. John's	9:00 am	†Scott McGinnis by McGinnis Family
Sunday	May 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	May 30	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Kitty Klich by Alvin & Marie Van Treeck
Wednesday	May 31	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ed Mauer by Judy & Family
Thursday	June 1	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Michael Clements by Patricia Clements
Friday	June 2	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Davies Edassery, SAC
Friday	June 2	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	June 3	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Alvin & Loretta Morgan by Paul Morgan Family
Saturday	June 3	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Bill Kriesa by Bette Kriesa Kluge
Sunday	June 4	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	June 4	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†William Lane Jr. by Thomas & Diana Kreutz, †Thomas, Mary & Jerome Buechler by Mary Klover

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, June 3 and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, June 2 from 6:00 - 6:45 am and Sunday, June 4 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day. If there is sacramental emergency, please contact Fr. Schmeckel at 920-550-1145.



HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE

EMMAUS MEAL: St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns Social Justice Committee members will once again be serving an 'Emmaus Meal' on Saturday, **June 17th from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** They are seeking volunteers to help serve that meal (held at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Ave., Sheboygan) and/or to provide desserts. If you missed your opportunity in May and are available to bake or offer a few volunteer hours, please contact Jack & Karen Egan (920-452-7632) or sign up on the board at the church in the Gathering Space area. Thank you!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Caroline Eleanor, daughter of Cody & Brianna Crotty was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, May 20. Please pray for Caroline and her family.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 27

3:00 pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass (Choir Sings)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Finance Council
6:30 - 8:00 pm Pastoral Council
Conference Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

2:00 - 3:00 pm Bible Study
Church Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

6:00 - 6:45 am Reconciliation
7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church hall
5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

A MOMENT OF PRAYER FOR THE

SYNOD: Archbishop Jerome Listeki is asking everyone throughout the Archdiocese to join Catholics around the world in a moment of prayer on **Wednesday, May 31 (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) at 12:00 pm.** Information on the synod can be found here: <https://www.archmil.org/About-us/Synod/Synodality.htm>. Prayer resources can be found here: <https://www.archmil.org/ArchMil/Resources/AMomentofPrayerfortheSynodforUsebyIndividualsParishesEnglishandSpanish.pdf>.

AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT: This summer, we will be adding air conditioning to the Parish Office/Religious Education wing of the church using "Faith in our Future" funds. Please contact Fr. Schmeckel with questions.

Students in 4K-Grade 6 participated in our optional Spring Interim SEEDS Religious Education Program during the past four Wednesdays in May. Here several of the student participants are enjoying an after school snack and conversation before going into Church to pray and learn about this week's Saint - Kateri Tekawitha,

Lily of the Mohawks.

Special thanks to our SEEDS Catechists: Delair Avery and Nick Cinquipalmi!

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





On Ascension Sunday, May 21, we also honored our 2023 High School graduates at Mass! Soon-to-be graduates served as lectors at Mass and brought up the Offertory gifts. Fr. Schmeckel gave them a blessing at the end of Mass, along with some priestly advice: to pray every day; to always seek the Truth, which is Jesus; and to throw away their smartphones and get a flip phone instead! In other words, center your lives around Jesus! Good advice for all of us! Following Mass, the students and their parents enjoyed a lovely brunch hosted by Junior parents and their students. Prayers and good wishes to all of our Kohler graduates: William A., George B., Elle B., Amber E., Fisher F., Claudia H., McKenna H., Lauren J., Norah J., Wyatt K., Madelyn M., Jalen P., Elyse R., Abigail R., Olivia S., Sebastian S.



CHURCH TOUR AFTER MASS: Our 7-12th grade Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Teresa Bettag, is continuing the class before/after Mass again this summer! On **Sunday, June 4** after the 9:00 am Mass join, her for: "The Beauty of our Church" with a church tour included. Hope to see you there!

PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT: Nominations are now being accepted for three-year terms. You may nominate yourself and/or other parishioners. Nomination forms can be found on the table in the gathering space or can be downloaded from our website. You can also email any names to stjohnnev@btsje.org. Peter Bustos, Tracy Kissel, and Bridgitt Zielke are completing their first term and can be chosen for a second term. There are also 2 additional 2 spots open. All names must be in the Parish Office by **Friday, June 2** at noon. Nominees will be asked to consider participating in the discernment process for membership on the Pastoral Council. This will be held on **Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm**





Why Should I Pledge?

Stewardship of God's gifts bestowed upon each of us is a very personal matter. When considering how much one should pledge, we need to examine our blessings and consider doing our very best. You can make a difference by giving what is right for your household. It is only through the generosity of all of us that we can truly be successful.

Please pray for the success of the campaign, the future of our parish and important Catholic ministries in our 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin, as you come to a decision about your own best pledge. Thank you!

*He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly,
and he who sows bountifully will reap
bountifully. Everyone must give according to
what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not
grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6-7*



Through much prayer, planning, and conversation, we have identified our greatest needs and initiatives to strengthen our mission and vision for years to come. Our share of the funds raised will be used to live out our mission, enhancing adult faith formation and addressing capital improvements.

Updated on 5/23/23
Parish Goal: 429,405
Total Pledged: \$344,025
Percent Goal Pledged: 80%
Number Pledges: 38
Average Pledge: \$9,053

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for your blessings in our life.

We praise you for your goodness and generosity.

Help us to live as stewards of your grace and love that through prayerful work and sacrifice we may bring your love to our families, parish, and community.

We humbly pray for strength and fortitude to follow your great commission: to go make disciples of all people, living our faith through word and deed.

Inspire in your people generous hearts to strengthen the mission of our parish, to serve those in need, to support vocations, and to educate our children through the Love One Another Campaign.

Guide us in this important campaign, watch over our efforts to help build your Kingdom here on Earth, and give us joy in serving You and Your Church now and forever.

Amen.

CLC Calendar

June 2023



- May 30 -**"Celebrate Summer" Coffee Social**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 1 -CLC Volunteer Opportunity, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 1 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- June 3 -**BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+ Potluck Social and Game Night** after 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity, CLC-MR
- June 6 -**Principals of Life Insurance, Annuities and Funeral Trusts**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 6 -CLC Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, CLC-PMR
- June 7 -**Walking in the Steps of St. Francis and St. Clare** by Susan Vavra, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- June 8 -**Summer Potluck Picnic with Games**, 12:00-2:00 pm, CLC
- June 8 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- June 12 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- June 13 -**Three Easy Projects to Do with Children**. Bring your children/grandchildren, if desired, but registration is required. 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 14 -Movie Matinee, *Sister Act*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- June 15 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- June 15 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- June 20 -Boys and Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 22 -Pivotal Players by Bishop Barron, *St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic*, 10:00-11:15 am, CLC-MR
- June 22 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- June 26 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- June 27 -Health and Wellness Discussion: *How to Prepare for a Better Doctor's Appointment* 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 29 -**BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+ Brunch at Falls Café**, 10:30 am
- June 29 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall

Upcoming Dates

- July 6 -CLC Volunteer Opportunity: Help reorganize the CLC, 10:00-12:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 11 -Nicole from **Curves** will tell us about her business and talk about the benefits of exercise, July 11, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 12 -**Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well** from Formed.org. Four Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR

September 8 -**Lake Geneva Bus Trip**

Register for events with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext 314.

CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.



Dear Padre,

I am a practicing Catholic and I don't remember being confirmed. Is it too late for me to be confirmed?

The sacrament of confirmation usually happens when a person is older, and therefore you would likely remember the occasion. It could be that you were not confirmed. You can check with the parish you lived in during your school years to be sure. They keep records of confirmations done in the parish.

Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation. Baptism ushers us into our life with God by giving us new life. Confirmation seals us with the spirit so we can follow Jesus and live out our particular vocation. And the Eucharist gives us strength for the journey and keeps us in union with God.

If you discover you have not been confirmed or if you can't find out for certain, talk with your pastor. You would not be the first adult seeking confirmation. Your pastor can tell you how your diocese handles confirmation for adults. There might be a program of adult instruction for confirmation to ensure you understand the sacrament and the teachings of the Church.

Today is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the apostles. The Spirit gave them strength for what they had to do. The Spirit can do the same for you.



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 29 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34	May 30 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31	May 31 <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56	June 1 <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> Sir 42:15-25 Mk 10:46-52	June 2 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 44:1, 9-13 Mk 11:11-26	June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> Sir 51:12cd-20 Mk 11:27-33	June 4 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i> Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were still disoriented and fearful. They did not yet have the courage to go out in the open. We too, at times, prefer to remain within the protective walls of our surroundings. But the Lord...sends upon us the Holy Spirit who envelops us and overpowers all our hesitations.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 23, 2021

A VIGIL LED BY POPE FRANCIS AHEAD OF PENTECOST SUNDAY AT THE VATICAN IN JUNE 2019.
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