

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**JUNE 11, 2023 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

## 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

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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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Tracy Kissel

Norma Horne

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**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 17/18

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Susan Vavra Jillian Walton	Gerry Loth Norah Justinger
Servers		Anthony Justinger Ben Burris
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Udovich Family	Sue Kampman



**"Whoever eats my flesh and  
drinks my blood remains in  
me and I in him."**

JOHN 6:56. NRSV

## From Father Schmeckel:

This weekend we celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**.

In the United States, the Bishops have been laying the groundwork for a **Eucharistic Revival**. This is a movement to help bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all the world through the Eucharist. Studies have shown that a majority of Catholics do not know or do not believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist we receive at every Mass. Throughout the country and in our own parishes, we will have more opportunities for Eucharistic adoration and prayer to help us know and live this great gift more profoundly. If the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is something that is difficult for you to believe or live, perhaps the Lord is inviting you to spend some time reading, studying, and praying about this mystery!



There are so many Eucharistic hymns – both old and new – that can really help us to pray and ponder this reality. The hymn for Adoration called “Tantum Ergo”, written by Saint Thomas Aquinas in the 1200s, has a wonderful line: (This hymn is frequently sung in Latin, so I’ll give you the Latin words, then the English translation):

*“Praestat fides supplementum  
sensum defectui.”*

That can be translated as:

*“Faith will tell us Christ is present,  
When our human senses fail.”*

It is our life of faith that helps us to know and believe in Jesus – not our human capabilities. When we receive the Consecrated Host at Mass, our sight tells us it’s just a little wafer, and our taste tells us it’s just a little piece of bread, but with faith, given to us by God, we know with great certainty that it is the fullness of the Body and Blood of Jesus – even when we receive the tiniest fragment of the Consecrated Host.

If we are struggling to believe this truth, let us pray for the gift of faith to “tell us Christ is present”, as Saint Thomas writes in this beautiful hymn.

This weekend at all Masses, we will have our **annual Missionary Appeal**. Sister Gaspara, the Mother Superior for the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara, will speak at the end of Mass about the Sisters’ care for the poor and their educational efforts in Tanzania. We will have a second collection to help support the Sisters’ great work this weekend. Please consider contributing as you are able! Thank you, Sister Gaspara, for being with us this weekend!

**FINANCIAL: JUNE 3/4:** Collection:  
(contribution envelopes, electronic giving  
and loose offering): \$4,126.00

**JUNE WINE & HOSTS:** In Memory of  
LeRoy & Evelyn Andersen by K & S  
Schmeling.

**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.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	June 10	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Carol Schuessler by Family
Saturday	June 10	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Lloyd Mahloch by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	June 11	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for Steger Family by Mark & Elly Weber
Sunday	June 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	June 13	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Thomas, Mary, & Jerome Buechler by Mary Klover
Wednesday	June 14	St. John's	7:00 am	†Gerald, Gerri, & Sharon Pyne by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Thursday	June 15	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Kay & Jim Altmeyer by Mattek & Schueffner Families
Friday	June 16	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Versey Family
Saturday	June 17	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Rodney & Lois Woveras by Family, †Gi & Gen Hefling by Mattek & Schueffner Families
Saturday	June 17	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family, †Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	June 18	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	June 18	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Veronica Gilles by Ken & Alice Walter, In Thanksgiving for 60 Years of Marriage for Bob & Linda Guse



Beginning the weekend of **July 1/2**, the **Saturday Mass Schedule** will change. Saturday Mass will be held at **4:00 pm** at:

- **Blessed Trinity Parish 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday**
- **St. John Evangelist Parish 2nd and 4th Saturday**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at 3:00 pm on that same schedule.

Please reach out to Fr. Schmeckel at 920-550-1145 with any questions or concerns. A letter from Fr. Schmeckel explaining the change is currently on our St. John Evangelist Parish website.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, June 17 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, June 18 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

## 2023 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:

The 2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal kicked off in February. As of June 1, 2023, St. John Evangelist Parishioners have donated \$34,470.00 towards our goal of \$35,190.00. This is 97.95% of our goal from 56 donors. If you have not had a chance to donate yet, there are envelopes in the kiosk. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the 2023 Catholic Stewardship Appeal.



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10

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

## SUNDAY, JUNE 11

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:00 am Mass

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

7:00 am Mass

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:30 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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



## BREWER GAME SPONSORED BY THE PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Join fellow Milwaukee Brewer fans on a bus trip down to a Brewer game on **Sunday, August 27** for a matchup with the San Diego Padres. Cost is only \$60.00 per person and includes a Loge Outfield Box ticket, bus transportation to and from the game, and a box lunch including water & soft drinks. Bus leaves at 11:00 am from the St. John Evangelist parking lot and returns approximately 5:00 pm. Reservation slips can be found on the table in the Gathering Space and on our website. Make checks payable to St. John Evangelist Parish and put "Brewer Game" on the memo line. Slips and payments can be dropped in the collection basket or returned to the Parish Office during normal office hours. Please contact Chris Jennings at 920-918-1022 or [cwjennings9@gmail.com](mailto:cwjennings9@gmail.com) with any questions. **All reservation must be in by Saturday, July 1.** Space is limited so sign up today!

**MISSION CO-OP APPEAL (MCP) JUNE 10/11:** This years' Mission Co-op Appeal is in support of the **Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara, Tanga Tanzania**, where, because of the extreme poverty, there is a great need for food. The Sisters will also be speaking during Mass about the other work that they are doing in that area and the needs that they have including:

1. Securing resources for the Formation of postulants and novices and ongoing formation of sisters and laity.
2. Securing modern medical equipment to help combat and treat diseases including malaria and HIV.
3. Constructing a new library, laboratory, and dormitory in two of their secondary schools
4. Making provisions for safe clean water in the rural areas for domestic use and livestock.
5. Offering education from kindergarten through high school especially for young women.



A special second collection for the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara and their ministries will be taken up after Communion **THIS WEEKEND, June 10/11**. Checks can be made out to "St. John Evangelist Parish" with "MCP" written in the memo line. There will also be envelopes available in the pews and in the Gathering Space.



## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee and our parishes are joining countless bishops, dioceses, parishes, and apostolates to be healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and sent out in mission "for the life of the world." The goal of this **Eucharistic Revival** is "to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

The Eucharist Revival will officially begin in our parishes **THIS WEEKEND, June 10/11**, The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). On Sunday, June 11, there will be a Eucharistic Procession, led by Fr. Schmeckel, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish. All are encouraged to participate. Parishioners and guests may want to wear comfortable walking shoes to Mass.



**GREEN THUMBS NEEDED:** The Landscape Committee is looking for people who would be willing to help keep St. John Evangelist Parish grounds clean. Volunteers can work any day and any time. Please contact Laura Drew at 920-918-4921 to sign up or to get more information.

### 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!

### CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

- ♦ **2023 Jazz Dinner Cruise on Lake Geneva Cruise Line** on **Friday, September 8**. Cost per person is \$99.00. This includes the Bus Trip and Dinner and Jazz on Lake Geneva. There will also be time to explore Main Street. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Gathering Space and are due at the Catholic Life Center by **July 1**.
- ♦ **Summer Three Easy Projects to Do with Children:** On **Tuesday, June 13 from 10:00 - 11:00 am** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, learn how to make three easy projects you can do with your children/grandchildren. Come with or without the children, but registration is required. Contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 by Monday at 12:00 pm.
- ♦ **Support Fathers at Anchor of Hope with Donations for Gift Bags:** Suggested items for the bags include: *Chapstick, on the Go Kleenex, gum, or key chain/flashlight/items with "Dad" on them.* Monetary donations are also appreciated. Drop off donations in the marked box on the table in the Gathering Space by **July 2**. Call Mary at the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 with questions.



## Love One Another Update

The Love One Another Campaign, strengthened by prayer, will enable us to address urgent parish needs. St. John Evangelist has raised over 80% of our 429,405 goal, but we still need your help to fulfill important projects such as:

- Enhancing adult and youth formation opportunities
- Capital Improvements to our kitchen and re-finishing our parking lots
- General improvements to our classrooms
- Church sound system

Please pray for the success of the Love One Another Campaign.



Sixty percent of the funds from these pledges will go toward the parish needs listed on the left. The remaining funds are for new and expanded Catholic ministries for:

- The poor and those in need.
- Saint Francis de Sales Seminary.
- Catholic schools.
- Vital ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

**Updated on 6/8/2023**  
**Parish Goal: 429,405**  
**Total Pledged: 361,525**  
**Percent Goal Pledged: 84%**  
**Number Pledges: 42**  
**Average Pledge: 8,608**  
**Parish 60% Share: 216,915**

### 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.



# Dear Padre,

***I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?***

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration. However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern waferlike host evolved.

Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest "reverently consumes the Body of Christ" and "reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158). Similarly, "when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of his own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey. ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
Weekday	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
2 Cor 1:1–7	2 Cor 1:18–22	2 Cor 3:4–11	2 Cor 3:15–4:1, 3–6	Dt 7:6–11	2 Cor 5:14–21	Ex 19:2–6a
Mt 5:1–12	Mt 5:13–16	Mt 5:17–19	Mt 5:20–26	1 Jn 4:7–16	Lk 2:41–51	Rom 5:6–11
				Mt 11:25–30		Mt 9:36–10:8



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We who go to Mass can ask: What is it that we bring to the world? Is it our sadness and bitterness, or the joy of the Lord? Do we receive Holy Communion and then carry on complaining, criticizing and feeling sorry for ourselves? This does not improve anything, whereas the joy of the Lord can change lives.***

**HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 14, 2020**

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