

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**JUNE 18, 2023 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## 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

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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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## 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 24/25

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Carter Udovich	Paul Garni Joseph Becker
Servers		Hollyann Becker Anthony Bustos
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Clyde & Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Judy Grey	Reilly Family



**Jesus Has Compassion on the Crowds**

## From Father Schmeckel:



This Sunday is the **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**. After all the feasts and celebrations of Easter and Pentecost and those related to them, we are now solidly in Ordinary Time. We read from Saint Matthew's Gospel almost completely until December. For the second reading, we will hear from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans – somewhat continuously for quite a few weeks. When we call this liturgical season "ordinary time", we do not mean that it is plain or boring. Instead, it comes from the word "ordinal", which means to count. We count the weeks of the year and organize our lives around God. One writer calls Ordinary Time "the time of conversion". This is a good attitude for us as we approach these weeks of summer – It is time for us to grow in holiness and love for Jesus!

On a personal note, this week will mark one year since I came to Saint John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes. I hope you won't mind if I use a portion of this week's bulletin to reflect on the past year and begin to look ahead.

First, I want to say: **Thank you to all of our dedicated staff and volunteers!** There are so many people who do so many different things and tasks to help keep our parishes focused on the Lord. I am grateful for all the ways – great and small – that you help us in the practical things in order for us to have a welcoming community that worships the Lord together.

Second, **thanks for your patience and generosity** with me as I learn how to be your priest! I know there are many missteps and errors I've made; slow communication and decisions; and plenty of other things that could have done better, but I also trust that Jesus is at work in our parishes in the midst of it all. He never fails to show up when we call on Him and ask Him to keep us on the right track.

I would also say **thank you for welcoming me to your families!** It amazes me that even in one short year, I have been involved in so many funerals, anointings, Baptisms, and First Communions! It is such a gift to me to be able to be with your families in all the highs and lows of life knowing, once again, that our good Lord is at work in all of it!

*Looking ahead*, I am sure many of the administrative parts of being your parish priest will become more natural. There are always new challenges and opportunities with maintaining our buildings and parish finances, working through personality conflicts and personnel concerns, communicating effectively and speedily, and a host of other things. These are all things that are slowly becoming more natural, and I'm learning bit by bit!

Another initiative that I would hope for us in the year ahead is to **increase our opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration** at both parishes – especially offering times for families and working people to be able to come to our church and pray. I believe these times for silent prayer and recollection before Jesus are a great opportunity for our personal growth in holiness and for evangelization. I hope that when the new school year begins in the fall, we will have a few new hours of adoration – and people to commit to an hour of prayer every week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The coming year will also give us a **lot of opportunities to pray and support vocations** to religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony. Already many good things are in the works that will be a great blessing to our parishes and to the Church!

Finally, let's remember to pray for one another and for our hearts to become more and more like the Heart of Jesus each day of this summer.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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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 Mertz 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
Tuesday	June 20	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Ulrich Bartels by Shelly Bartels
Wednesday	June 21	St. John's	7:00 am	Special Intention for Father Schmeckel
Thursday	June 22	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Robert Nebel by Bettag Family
Friday	June 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by K & S Schmeling
Saturday	June 24	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Edwin Sabel & Marian Gilsdorf by Family, †Mike Ferk by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Saturday	June 24	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Teresa Leffel by Jeffrey Rammer Freye
Sunday	June 25	St. John's	9:00 am	†Edward & EJ McKelvey by Family
Sunday	June 25	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



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.



**Welcome**

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH:** Please welcome Thomas & Sarah Murray and their children Isaiah, Lucy, and Hattie the parish.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, June 24 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, June 25 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

**FINANCIAL: JUNE 10/11:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,593.45.

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

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

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

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 am Mass

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 23

7:00 am Mass

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24

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

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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!

Grounds  
Committee



## 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.

## 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 as well as clean water. The Sisters spoke at Masses last weekend. If you have not yet donated, envelopes are found in the pews and in the entrances of church. Checks can be made out to "St. John Evangelist Parish" with "MCP" written in the memo line. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

## PRESENTATION AFTER MASS:

Our 7-12th grade Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Teresa Bettag, is continuing the class before/after Mass again this summer! A presentation on the Catholic founding of America on **Saturday, July 8** from **5:15 -6:15 pm** after the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.



## UPDATE FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 7-12:



Today on this 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, our Mass readings remind us of whose we are-God's beloved children and that He is our good, good Father, as well as the need for our cooperation to work with God to bring more souls to Him. Truly the main job of the Church, which is all of us, is the salvation of souls. More than anything, God wants all of His children to be with Him forever in paradise. I know as a Mom, that during the summer, when most of our table is filled with our kids returning home from school, our family dinners are more lively and satisfying, because our family is more complete and this brings lots of laughter, as well as more shopping and cooking too, but it is SO worth it! God's desire for this eternal exchange of love is so great that He sent His only begotten and beloved son, Jesus, to rescue us from our sins and to conquer sin, death and Satan, so we could all be around His table celebrating with Him forever in heaven! We read in our second reading today from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, that "God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...and not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation." If any of you are parents, you know that your heart is your children. How often do we hear parents say something like "I wish I could take their place" when they are sick or in pain or "you have to go through me before you can get to my children." The term "mama bear" is not uncommon. So here we have God, our Father, giving us His heart, His son Jesus to redeem and save us. At every Mass, we are privileged to receive Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist, which is truly the "heart of the heart of God!!" This is crazy, extravagant love, so please make sure to respond back to God's generosity by living lives of sacrifice, service, generosity, love, and JOY and get to Mass every Sunday and as often as you can! Today we also celebrate Father's Day, where we honor and thank our earthly fathers for their lives of sacrifice, generosity, and love. All men are called by God to be a father to others, whether biological or spiritual, so please make sure to thank your own fathers; to say some extra prayers for them if they are deceased and to thank Fr. Schmeckel and other priests and father figures for helping us to grow in love, holiness and trust in our Heavenly Father! EnJOY this blessed day and thanks to all of "our Fathers!" See you at Mass.

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12

### *Celebrating the Children at St. John Evangelist*

**To the parents of our youngest children, may we suggest....Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's House.**

- ✦ Sit towards the front where it is easier to see and hear.
- ✦ Quietly explain parts of the Mass.
- ✦ Sing the songs, pray, and say the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- ✦ If you need to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back.
- ✦ Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to Jesus the Christ. Let them know that they are at home in this liturgical gathering.







**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL:** Last Sunday, immediately following Mass, Father Schmeckel lead a Eucharistic Procession around St. John Evangelist Parish to kick off the Eucharistic Revival. Approximately 50 parishioners and visitors participated.



This week, Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes had a week of At Home Mission work, where youth and chaperones from several neighboring parishes went to various job sites to help parishioners. One of the jobs was to help at St. John's by weeding, planting flowers and helping to add to the beauty of our parish grounds! Then, they helped organize children's books in the Religious Education wing.







## Next weekend is Love One Another Weekend

Next weekend at each Mass is Love One Another Weekend for the Love One Another Campaign in our parish. In addition to thanking the parish staff, volunteers, and lay leaders who have worked tirelessly over the past few months to make this campaign a success, we will ask for all families to return their completed pledge cards at Mass next weekend.

We will ask every family to participate. Please be prepared to return your pledge card or complete an envelope in-pew during Mass, and to:

- Make your best pledge.
- Celebrate having already made your best pledge.
- Pray for success of the campaign.

*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 6/15/2023**

**Parish Goal: 429,405**

**Total Pledged: 397,125**

**Percent Goal Pledged: 92%**

**Number Pledges: 52**

**Average Pledge: 7,637**

**Parish 60% Share: 257,643**

### 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.

# The Catholic Life Center

**Mission:** "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls  
 Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and  
 Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



[www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC](http://www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC)

July 2023



**COVID Update:** Masks are optional.  
Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

## Eternal Rest Series

Formed.org

10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classroom #8



Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life. Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. Eternal Rest presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life. Join us for video and discussion.

July 12      *The Story of Death*  
 July 19      *The Afterlife*  
 July 26      *The Hour of Our Death*  
 August 2     *The Faithful Departed*

\*\*Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



**Bus Trip to Lake Geneva on September 8 – Almost Full!**  
 For details see CLC website page above or flyers at both parishes.

## Health and Wellness Tuesdays

10:00-11:00 am CLC-Meeting Room



June 20      -Boys and Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County. Michelle Schommer, Unit Director, will tell us about what the Boys and Girls Clubs offers our area and the volunteer opportunities available on your own or through our parishes.  
 June 27      -Health and Wellness Discussion: **How to Prepare for a Better Doctor's Appointment**  
 July 4        -**Fourth of July.** No presentation. Office is closed.  
 July 11      -**Local Business Highlight: Curves.** Business owner Nicole will talk about Curves and the benefits of exercise.  
 July 18      -**Anchor of Hope Service Project-** Help put together small bags to show dads at the Anchor of Hope that our parishes care.  
 July 25      -**Health and Wellness Discussion-** Join us this month for a general group discussion on edible flowers, motivators for making healthy choices and future topics of interest.

\*Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.





**First Friday & Second Thursday Coffee and Adult Walking Program**  
will resume after Labor Day.



## Help the CLC collect items to support Fathers at Anchor of Hope.

Items needed for our gift bags: lip balm, small tissue packs, gum, key chain/flashlight/ items with "Dad" on it, or monetary donations are very helpful. Drop off donations, in the marked box, at the Parish Offices, Blue Room (BT) or Gathering Space (SJE) by July 3rd.



## Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Driving Miss Daisy*

In this American comedy-drama that won 3 Golden Globe Awards as well as 4 Academy Awards, an elderly Jewish woman develops a relationship with her African-American chauffeur over 25 years in the American South.

**Wednesday, July 12 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room**

**\*\*The next Movie Matinee will be on September 13.\*\***

Starring  
Morgan Freeman,  
Jessica Tandy,  
and  
Dan Aykroyd



## BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+

Are you over 55 and want to socialize with like-situated individuals?



**Brunch at Falls Café at 10:30 am on Thursday, June 29.**

Please register with Patty Daun at [pattydaun60@gmail.com](mailto:pattydaun60@gmail.com) or 920-207-9023 by June 22.

**Senior Bake-Off after 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, July 15**

Do you have a little baking experience and competitive spirit? Join us in the CLC after the 4:00 pm Mass for our mini Great Senior Bake-Off. Attendees will vote on Best Cake, Best Cookies, etc.

Cheap prizes awarded along with dubious honors! Those who don't eat desserts: please bring an appetizer or entree to share instead. CLC door will be open at 3:30 pm so you can bring your food before Mass. Seniors of our parishes, come and enjoy some fellowship!

Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Also, contact Mary if you would like more information about the Senior Singles 55+ group.

## Volunteer for the Catholic Life Center on July 6 and August 3

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Are you good at organizing, are you creative or do you just like to help? We are reorganizing the Catholic Life Center books and cards this summer. We are also redoing bulletin boards and need your help. Join us for one of these dates or let us know when you are available. Contact Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org). New ideas are welcome!



## Enrich Your Sunday

**First and Third Sundays of the Month**

After 9:00 am Mass, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE – will resume on September 17



# Dear Padre,

***Is there a right to health care? As a Catholic, what kind of obligation do I have to use my resources to help with the purchase of medicine for my brother? His insurance won't cover the costs, and he's on a fixed income.***

Saint John XXIII's 1963 encyclical *Pacem In Terris* (Peace on Earth) said people have a right to live and a right to the "means necessary for the proper development of life" (11). This text serves as a foundation for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' speaking of a right to "basic" or "adequate health care" in their Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholics. What is not clear in Church teaching is who has the duty to ensure that right. In some cases, the state has taken this responsibility, but this need not be the case. The condition of millions of our brothers and sisters in Christ, however, urges us to action on their behalf.

Regarding the case of one's brother, the question is difficult because of the need for more information. What is the brother's prognosis? Is he taking care of himself responsibly? What do you feel capable of doing morally without placing yourself and others in your care at risk?

Whatever one's ability to respond in this case, one's relationship with one's brother should be marked by compassion and a sincere desire and will to help in whatever way is morally reasonable. ●

Excerpted from *Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices: 50 Questions from the Pews*, © 2011 Liguori Publications / 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
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Aloysius	Weekday	Weekday	Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Cor 6:1–10	2 Cor 8:1–9	Gonzaga, Religious	2 Cor 11:1–11	2 Cor 11:18, 21–30	Is 49:1–6	Jer 20:10–13
Mt 5:38–42	Mt 5:43–48	2 Cor 9:6–11	Mt 6:7–15	Mt 6:19–23	Acts 13:22–26	Rom 5:12–15
		Mt 6:1–6, 16–18			Lk 1:57–66, 80	Mt 10:26–33



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself.***

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, FEBRUARY 4, 2015