

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



## JUNE 25, 2023 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday .....	4:00 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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**Please contact the Parish Office to:**

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

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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, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

### Readings for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33



## From Father Schmeckel:

During the upcoming week, we celebrate a number of saints and martyrs. Here's an introduction to a few of them.

June 27 – **Saint Cyril of Alexandria.** Saint Cyril was a bishop and doctor of the church who died in the year 444. He is known for his teachings against the heretic, Nestorius. Saint Cyril helped us to understand that Jesus is fully God and fully human. He helped to develop the language and articulation that we still use today to understand who Jesus is.



June 28 – **Saint Irenaeus.** Saint Irenaeus was a bishop and martyr who died around the year 202. One of his memorable lines is, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive." During my confirmation interview in high school, the priest gave me this quote. I had no idea who Saint Irenaeus was until many years later, but the line has always stuck with me. Sometimes we are tempted to think that a relationship with God will make us dull or boring. But Saint Irenaeus (who *died as a martyr*) firmly reminds us that life with Jesus makes us fully alive, and when we are truly human and alive, we can reflect on the glory of God wherever we go.

June 29 – **Saints Peter and Paul.** The prayers of the Mass for this Solemnity speak about these two great apostles as the foundation of the church – even though Peter and Paul each have very different gifts, temperaments, and missions. Peter was "foremost in confessing the faith", and Paul was an "outstanding preacher". Peter primarily taught and preached to the Jewish people of Israel, and Paul was the "master and teacher of the Gentiles" or the people from all the distant lands. In a particular way, today we pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis – as the successor of Saint Peter.

June 30 – **First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.** This day commemorates the martyrdom of a small group of Christian martyrs who were brutally murdered by the Emperor Nero in the year 64. Many writers attribute many conversions to Christianity to the witness of these first Christians who remained faithful to Jesus even as they faced gruesome deaths.

If you're traveling during these summer months, be sure to make Sunday Mass a part of your planned activities. You can visit [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org) to find local Mass times wherever you are going. You could even include a weekday Mass, that is often only about 30 minutes long. It is a good way to "add a little Jesus" to your vacation!

Please remember that next weekend we begin our new Saturday night Mass schedule rotation. **Mass will be on Saturday, July 1 at 4:00 PM at Blessed Trinity Parish.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, July 1 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, June 25 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

**FINANCIAL: JUNE 17/18:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,899.00

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	June 27	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Lydia Turba by Alvin & Maria Van Treeck
Wednesday	June 28	St. John's	7:00 am	†Phyllis Biskup
Thursday	June 29	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mark Krause by Ron & Mary Book
Friday	June 30	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Russell McCoy by Evonne McCoy, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Sunday	July 2	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	July 2	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Betty Van Ouwerkerk by Janet Mauer, †Clara Weyker & Rosemary Reiter by John & Lisa Reiter



Beginning **NEXT weekend, 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.

## LAY MINISTERS FOR JULY 2

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	John Egan Gerry Loth
Servers	Hollyann Becker Joseph Becker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mel Free
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Diane Hart
Greeters	Connie Katchkey



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## 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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 am	Mass
6:30 pm	Joint Pastoral Council Meeting

## THURSDAY, JUNE 29

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Study Church Hall
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## FRIDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 am	Mass
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## SATURDAY, JULY 1

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church Hall
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## SUNDAY, JULY 2

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.

## 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.

## 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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT:** On Wednesday, June 14, Pastoral Council discernment was held at St. John Evangelist Parish. Please welcome and thank: Nick Cinquepalmi, Paul Garni, Rita Gast, Carol Marksteiner, and Rick Michaletz as they begin their first Pastoral Council three year term, and welcome back Bridgitt Zielke for her second term. In addition please thank Peter Bustos and Tracy Kissel, outgoing Pastoral Council members for their service to our parish.



### **HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE EMMAUS MEAL:**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at or baked deserts for the Emmaus Meal which was served last Saturday.



### **CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:**

In June, the Catholic Life Center hosted a pot luck luncheon. After eating lunch, everyone enjoyed the beautiful day with some lawn games. Pictures above by Mary Waitkus.

- ♦ **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. This is your last week to sign up!**
- ♦ **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.



### **FOOD PANTRY:**

Please continue to bring non-perishable goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. They are in need of pasta sauce at this time. The new yearly schedule, July 1, 2023 -June 30, 2024, was emailed earlier this week. Thank you to everyone who has helped this past year. **Next Delivery: Monday, July 3: Mel & Lorrie Free.**





## Love One Another Weekend

Today, all parish families are invited to participate in the Love One Another Campaign In-Pew event. Our parish community is preparing for the next generation of Catholics at St. John Evangelist and across our 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin. Please join with all families at Mass today in support of the Love One Another Campaign. Recognizing all we have and all we are is a manifestation of God's love, we are called to return gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity and goodness to us.

TOTAL PLEDGE	ANNUAL PAYMENT	MONTHLY PAYMENT
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$200
\$9,000	\$1,800	\$150
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$100
\$4,800	\$960	\$80
\$3,000	\$600	\$50



*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 6/20/23**  
**Parish Goal: 429,405**  
**Total Pledged: \$410,125**  
**Percent Goal Pledged: 96%**  
**Parish Participation: 16%**  
**Average Pledge: \$7,650**

### 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

## July 2023



- 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
- July 6 -CLC Volunteer Opportunity: Help reorganize the CLC, 10:00-12:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 6 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- July 10 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 11 -**Curves presentation.** Business owner Nicole will tell us about her business and talk about the benefits of exercise, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 12 -**Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well, Part 1**, from Formed.org., 10:00-11:00 am, SJE classroom #8
- July 12 -Movie Matinee, *Driving Miss Daisy*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- July 13 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- July 15 -**Senior Singles 55+ Bake-Off**, after 4:00 pm Mass, CLC-MR
- July 18 -Anchor of Hope Dad Bags Service Project, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 19 -**Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well, Part 2**, from Formed.org., 10:00-11:00 am, SJE classroom #8
- July 20 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- July 20 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 24 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 25 -**Health and Wellness Discussion:** general group discussion, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 26 -**Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well, Part 3**, from Formed.org., 10:00-11:00 am, SJE classroom #8
- July 27 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall

## Upcoming Dates

- August 1 -**Real Estate Trends** with Donna Krueger, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE classroom #8
- August 2 -**Eternal Rest: The Faithful Departed, Part 4**, from Formed.org., 10:00-11:00 am, SJE classroom #8
- August 3 -**CLC Volunteer Opportunity**, help reorganize the CLC, 10:00-12:00 am, CLC-MR
- August 10 -**Ice Cream Social**, bring a favorite topping, if desired, RSVP, 1:00-2:00 pm, CLC-AR
- September 8 -**Lake Geneva Bus Trip**

Register for events with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto: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,

## *A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?*

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



*The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent*

*yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience.... God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.*

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, JOY OF THE GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM), NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

#### MONDAY

June 26  
Weekday  
Gn 12:1–9  
Mt 7:1–5

#### TUESDAY

June 27  
Weekday  
Gn 13:2, 5–18  
Mt 7:6, 12–14

#### WEDNESDAY

June 28  
St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr  
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18  
Mt 7:15–20

#### THURSDAY

June 29  
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles  
Acts 12:1–11  
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18  
Mt 16:13–19

#### FRIDAY

June 30  
Weekday  
Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22  
Mt 8:1–4

#### SATURDAY

July 1  
Weekday  
Gn 18:1–15  
Mt 8:5–17

#### SUNDAY

July 2  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a  
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11  
Mt 10:37–42

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