

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 2, 2023 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday4:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 am
 Wednesday & Friday7:00 am
 1st Friday-Pine Haven.....10:00 am
 2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing10:00 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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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, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR JULY 8/9

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Susan Vavra	Norah Justinger Erin Meyer
Servers	Joseph Becker Hollyann Becker	Anthony Justinger Leighton Meyer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Bill Moffatt Volunteer	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Kluge Family	Molly Holzrichter



Whoever
finds their life
will lose it,
— and —

Whoever
loses their life
for my sake
will find it.

MATTHEW 10:39, NIV

From Father Schmeckel:

During this first week of July, we celebrate many great saints and, of course, Independence Day.



The **Feast of Saint Thomas is on July 3**. While Saint Thomas is known for doubting Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, this should not be his legacy. In the full story of the death and raising of Lazarus, Thomas boldly says to the other disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." (Jn 11:16) He shows at least some willingness to go along with Jesus' suffering and death. Even if he doesn't fully live up to this, in his heart, there is the start of his deeper belief and trust in Jesus. Even in the Resurrection stories, after his doubt, Thomas is one of the first Apostles to explicitly state that Jesus is God, when cries out, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28) Traditionally, we believe that Thomas went all the way to India to proclaim the Good News, to teach people about Jesus, and, eventually, die as a martyr. If we have doubts like Thomas, we should ask for his help to grow in faith and courage that Jesus is truly God.

Independence Day: As Americans, we are very proud of our freedom and our rights. Saint John Paul II, approaching the New Millenium in 2000, wrote, "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought." As we celebrate the history of our country and our many freedoms, we should take a moment to pause and think about how we use our freedom and liberties. Are they guided toward the good of our families, communities, and society-at-large, or do we use our freedom to satisfy our own needs, wants, and desires? It is also a good reminder for us to pray for all those who have served or currently serve in the armed forces who helped to protect and defend these great freedoms that we cherish!

On July 4, we also remember one of my favorite almost-saints, **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**, even though he is not officially on our liturgical calendar as yet. Blessed Pier was a young Italian man who was born into a wealthy family, but he ended up using much of his time and money to serve the poor of Turin, Italy. He was a sportsman and a mountain climber and used these natural gifts to bring other young people to Jesus and to the Church. He was a man of prayer, a man of fun, and a man of charity. He died at the young age of 24 years old but, as one writer described him, he is remembered for his joy and "ordinariness". We ask Blessed Pier Giorgio to pray for all the youth and young adults of our parishes. May his example lead them to a deeper friendship with Jesus.

The Memorial of **Saint Maria Goretti** is celebrated on July 6. She was a 12-year-old Italian girl who died in 1902. She was attacked and stabbed to death after refusing to give in to her attacker. She is best known for forgiving her murderer in the final hours of her life. The young man who killed her went to jail but was moved by her faith and willingness to forgive. When Maria was canonized in 1950, he was among the vast crowd that celebrated the day with joy. While her story is quite gruesome and difficult to hear, Saint Maria Goretti reminds us that forgiveness and reconciliation is possible – even in the worst and most wretched situations of our lives. Let us ask her to help us forgive those people in our lives that we are having a difficult time loving or forgiving for any reason.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, July 8 from 6:00 - 6:45 am; Saturday, July 9 at 3:00 pm; and Sunday, July 9 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	July 1	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†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
Tuesday	July 4	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for God Bless America
Wednesday	July 5	St. John's	7:00 am	†William Hoell by Shirley Hoell
Thursday	July 6	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Hattie & Steve Naffin by Donna Plageman
Friday	July 7	St. John's	7:00 am	†Alfred Rogers by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Friday	July 7	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	July 8	St. John's	4:00 pm	†George Mott by Benishek Family
Sunday	July 9	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for Bill McGinnis
Sunday	July 9	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



The new **Saturday Mass Schedule** has begun. 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.

FINANCIAL: JUNE 24/25: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,561 6.50.

JULY WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Peggy Graham by Jeff & Lenore Goodchild



All Parish Offices Closed: All Offices will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm for private prayer and mediation.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Marco James, son of Brooke Halverson and Nohl Depies was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, June 25. Please pray for Marco and his family.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 1

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

7:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 6

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

FRIDAY, JULY 7

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall
3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 9

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



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.

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.

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

- ♦ **CLC Volunteer Opportunity:** Help reorganize the Catholic Life Center on **Thursday, July 6** from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Come for all or for part of the time. Meet in the Catholic Life Center -Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish.
- ♦ **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 9**. Call Mary at the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 with questions.
- ♦ **Local Business Highlight: Curves:** Business owner Nicole will talk about Curves and the benefits of exercise in the Catholic Life Center-Meeting Room on **Tuesday, July 11** from **10:00-11:00 am**. If you are interested, please register with Mary at 920-467-4616, ext. 314 or maryw@btsje.org by **Monday July 10 at noon**.



Summer 2023: Activities for Catholic Families:

There's no doubt about it, summer is a special time of the year when we are most often blessed with sunny days and warm weather. When planning family fun events during the summer vacation we often think of activities such as swimming, biking, hiking, traveling, and attending or participating in sporting events. Here are a few other options that you may want to consider in the days and weeks to come:

- Go to Sunday or (Saturday evening) Mass together as a family every week and go out to breakfast or stop to purchase and enjoy ice cream cones or doughnuts after Mass.
- Choose a night with clear skies and have an Evening Picnic. Find a blanket and pack a picnic lunch. Begin by praying together. Take the opportunity to thank God for the healthy food, the beauty of Creation, and the joy of family. Bring along a Children's Bible and share Scripture stories together after enjoying your meal.
- Start Nature Journals for each of your children and invite them to explore the outdoors with you. Look for interesting plants, insects, flowers, rocks, and animal life. Bring a magnifying glass, your phones, and some colored pencils. Show your children how to make observations and draw/take pictures of what you see. Talk together about how beautiful and diverse Creation is!
- Travel to Holy Hill. Climb the Scenic Tower or pray the Stations of the Cross. Visit Holyhill.com for more information.
- Visit the Shrine of our Lady of Good Help. Learn more at championshrine.org.
- Have a "religious chalk art" contest.
- Make a shrine in your yard or garden. It can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose.
- Have ice cream sundaes every Sunday night - sundaes on Sunday.
- Plan a regular family movie, game, or Lego night.
- Celebrate the Holy Family by making a trip to the Shrine of St. Joseph in De Pere. For more information visit <https://norbertines.org/Joseph>
- Have a garden? Share some of your bounty with a local food pantry or a neighbor or friend.

Although these are small things, they can create lasting memories that will hopefully bring joy to your family and an opportunity to share and celebrate your Catholic Faith.

May your summer days be filled with bright smiles, warm sunshine, happy thoughts, and many blessings!

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



Photos from the Love One Another wrap-up social which took place last Sunday. Thank you to Delair for organizing the social.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL:

With Father's support, a committee was formed regarding the Eucharistic Revival sponsored by the United States Council of Bishops. It is a three year program. We are now in the second year, from June 2023 through May 2024. All parishes are asked to provide programs to support a Eucharistic Revival in their parishes.

June 22nd, our committee met: 6 members. 2 from Blessed Trinity Parish, 2 from St. John Evangelist Parish, and John & Mary from Catholic Life Center. In August, there will be a presentation given at each parish to share the overall program. Hopefully, we will start officially in September.



B R E W E R G A M E 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. There are sign up sheet with detailed information in the Gathering Space. Please contact Chris Jennings at 920-918-1022 or cwjennings9@gmail.com with any questions. **All reservation must be in by Friday, July 14 at noon.** Space is limited so sign up today!



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: After months of hard work, we received 63 gifts totaling \$420,675 which is 98% of our campaign goal. This is a great accomplishment and is due to the hard work and dedication of parishioners and the parish leadership. There is still time to donate and help St. John Evangelist Parish reach our goal. LOA Contribution envelopes can be found at the entrances to church. You can drop your envelope in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.

Campaign Target: \$429,405

Total Raised: \$420,675

Total Percentage: 98%

Total Gifts: 63

Average Gift: \$6,677

Dear Padre,

How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?

In the past it was common to have parishes dedicated to different ethnic groups where such populations were concentrated. In 2010, the US bishops found that 33 percent of all US parishes were culturally diverse, and that's perhaps using a narrow understanding of diversity. Then in 2014, they published *Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They May All Be One*, in which they outline a nine-movement process for creating an inclusive parish. The term "shared parishes" describes parish communities in which two or more languages or cultural contexts are present in the ministerial life of a parish. The fact that there are nine movements is notable. It means that we slowly move toward inclusiveness; we don't simply present a Mass in Spanish and think the job is done.

This brings to mind a parishioner in a parish I served in the Mississippi Delta. This was indeed a "shared parish," with a large African-American population, a significant Spanish-speaking population, and an elderly population of white Americans who expected a more "traditional" Mass with familiar hymns. Rosemary was an Italian-American whose family had lived in the area since the beginning of the nineteenth century. She served as the parish's director of education. Rosemary made it her practice to attend every Mass to welcome people and make them feel at home. She was the perfect example of the first movement toward serving everyone in a shared parish: hospitality. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / 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

July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

TUESDAY

July 4
Weekday
Gn 19:15-29
Mt 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY

July 5
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8-20a
Mt 8:28-34

THURSDAY

July 6
Weekday
Gn 22:1b-19
Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY

July 7
Weekday
Gn 23:1-4, 19;
24:1-8, 62-67
Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY

July 8
Weekday
Gn 27:1-5,
15-29
Mt 9:14-17

SUNDAY

July 9
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10
Rom 8:9, 11-13
Mt 11:25-30



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Millions of people came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future in freedom. We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants.

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

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