

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 16, 2023 FIFTEENTH 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

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

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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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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

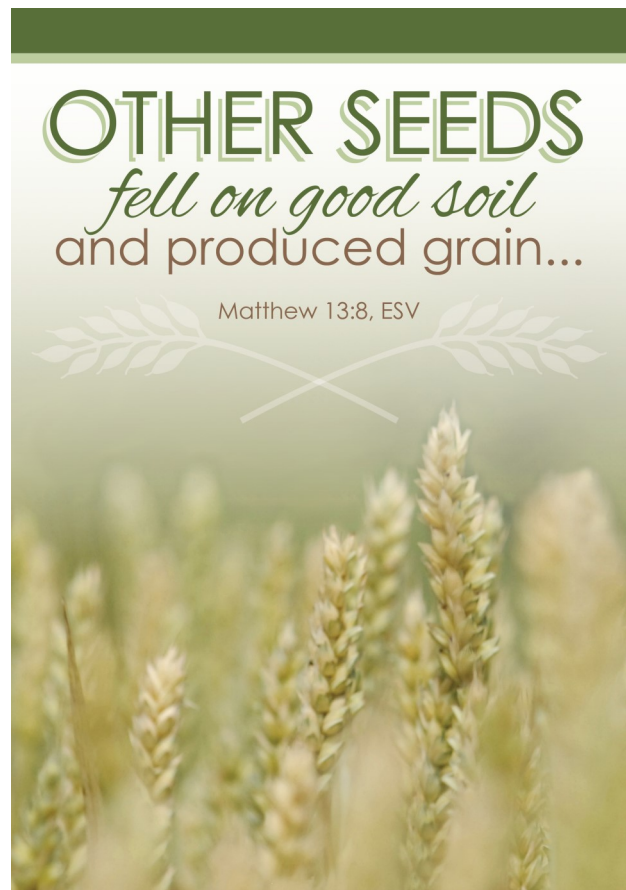
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

LAY MINISTERS FOR JULY 22/23

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Angela Bustos	Colleen Kuhn Diane Hart
Servers	Anthony Bustos Annaleise Bustos	Emma LaFata Liam LaFata
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Ken Udovich Volunteer	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Judy Grey	Diane Torke

OTHER SEEDS
fell on good soil
 and produced grain...

Matthew 13:8, ESV



From Father Schmeckel:

On July 22, **we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene.**



In 2016, Pope Francis elevated her celebration from a “Memorial” to a “Feast”. These are technical terms for the ranking of different celebrations of Mary or of the Saints. It also gives some indication of the correct amount of “pomp and circumstance” for a given celebration. When a Feast is celebrated, the Gloria is usually sung and there are many unique prayers said at Mass for that Feast. Often, there is a little more singing or a solemn blessing connected with certain Feast. A few examples of Feasts of Saints:

Mary Magdalene (July 22), the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter (February 22), the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31), Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), plus several others.

Memorials of Saints are much more common in our calendar, and some are even optional. Depending on the impact of various saints, they have unique prayers said for their celebrations. A few examples of Memorials of Saints for this month include: Saint Benedict (on July 11, who has many unique prayers), Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (on July 14, who only has a Collect, or opening prayer), or Saint Sharbel Makhluf (an optional Saint on July 24, who also has a Collect only). Another example: We don't sing the Gloria on the Memorial of Saint Shabel, (and a priest might not even celebrate this Saint, and that's okay), but we do sing the Gloria on the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene (no comma) because it helps us to focus more intentionally on her, “The Apostle to the Apostles, who is celebrated in all places throughout the world.

This might seem like very technical jargon; however, it reminds us that how much we say or sing, or don't say or sing, on a Saint's day helps us to think about the importance of the particular Saint. If we listen more carefully to the prayers and songs of the Mass, we can better realize where the Saints fit in the life of the Church and in our own lives.

One other comment about the prayers of the Mass for St. Mary Magdalene: In the Preface (the prayer right before the Holy, Holy, Holy), the Priest prays the following: Christ “honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles, so that the good news of new life might reach the ends of the earth.” In other words, St. Mary Magdalene brings the good news of Jesus' Resurrection to the Apostles who, in time, bring it to the entire world. Imagine how much more slowly things might have gone if St. Mary Magdalene did not fulfill her mission to the Apostles! Imagine how much more slowly the good news of Jesus moves into our world today if WE don't announce Him in our words and actions!

How can YOU announce the good news of Jesus in your daily life in a practical and concrete action this week?

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

FINANCIAL: JULY 8/9: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,296.78.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, July 22 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, July 23 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	July 15	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder, †Joan Loebbaka by Doug & Cindy Dorn, †Carol Schuessler by Family
Sunday	July 16	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	July 16	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Theresa Weber by Family, †Brian Schmidt by Alvin & Maria Van Treeck
Tuesday	July 18	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mary Otero & Family by Francoise Pietzner
Wednesday	July 19	St. John's	7:00 am	†Norbert Haen
Thursday	July 20	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Dorothy & Frank Milczarek by Ron & Mary Book
Friday	July 21	St. John's	7:00 am	†Walter Free by Mel & Lorrie Free
Saturday	July 22	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	July 23	St. John's	9:00 am	†Norbert Haen by Tracy & Andy Kissel
Sunday	July 23	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.



BORN TO ETERNAL

LIFE: Robert Fischer passed away on Friday, July 7. A funeral Mass will be held at St. John Evangelist Parish on **Saturday, July 15 at 11:00 am**. Visitation will be from 9:30 am until the time of Mass. Please remember Bob and his family in your prayers.



MARRIAGE BANS I:

Anthony Robert Trecroci
Julia Kathryn Mauer

LOVE ONE ANOTHER: After months of hard work, we received 72 gifts totaling \$430,825 which is 100% 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: \$430,825
Total Percentage: 100.3%
Total Gifts: 72
Average Gift: \$5,984

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 15

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

SUNDAY, JULY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 20

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

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 22

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

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Interested in knowing more? Would like to share your talent and get involved?

More information on the National / Archdiocese Site:

Eucharisticrevival.org

Or Contact:

Susan Vavra

iamsgtv@gmail.com

920-254-0898

Celebrate the Eucharist Together! ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOMEBOUND VISITS: If you or someone you know is homebound and is interested in receiving Communion regularly, please call the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 so that Father can visit, and we can also arrange Communion visits.

Religious Education Teachers/Catechists/Assistants 4K-Grade 6 Needed:

This Fall more than 75 4K-Grade 6 children will come to St. John's on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Although many of our Catechists and Program Assistants will be returning for the 2023-24 school year, summer is the time when we invite others to join our Religious Education Team. Please consider volunteering to serve as a Religious Education Teacher/Catechist, Co-Catechist, Substitute, Program Assistant or to help with other special events throughout the year.

As you nurture the faith of these children you will learn and grow as well. We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes start at the beginning of the school year. If you are interested in joining our 4K-Grade 6 Team, or for more information, please contact: Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 at jeanne@btsje.org 920-452-9623 Ext: 220

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 7-12 UPDATE:

Today in the middle of summer, our readings at Mass are all about seeds, farming, rainfall and harvest. Our gospel is about the parable of the Sower (Mt. 13:1-23). Jesus uses parables, which are short, relatable stories that use simple images or comparisons to convey a moral or religious lesson to put us in touch with the mystery of God. Have you ever realized that the Bible begins and ends in a garden, with some gardens in between? We recall the Garden of Eden, the paradise that God created for man and woman to live and flourish, at least until sin (the serpent, Satan) entered and destroyed. We see Jesus' agony on the night before He died occurring in the Garden of Gethsemane and then after Jesus died, He was buried in a garden. St. John's book of Revelation is all about the wedding supper of the Lamb occurring in paradise. Paradise is a Persian word that means "a walled garden", like a courtyard where the King would reside. In fact, when the first resurrection appearance of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning happened at the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene thought Jesus was the gardener (Jn. 20:15)! Also, it is worth noting that one of the last words of Christ as He was dying on the cross, was telling the good thief, "today, you will be with me in paradise (Lk. 23:43)! A gardener's work is earthy and confident, because they believe that the small seed will produce great fruit! That Jesus is a good gardener should change our lives. Trust Him and stay in His garden (the Church) and He will grow new life out of the husk of your old life. He will tend the soil of our hearts, sometimes needing to prune away old, dead leaves in order to bring forth more healthy, lush fruit or to remove the rocks of sin in the Sacrament of Confession. He will water, fertilize and care for us with tenderness, because He loves His creation. So take heart, you are in God's garden, He is here, even if we sometimes don't recognize Him. He calls us by name and His greatest desire is for you to flourish and grow and to be with Him forever in His garden, called Paradise! EnJOY a beauty full, bountiful summer and see you at Mass. ~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12



YOUNG ADULT MASS & SOCIAL:

On **Saturday, August 5**, join other Sheboygan County young adults for Mass at scenic Nutt Ski Hill in Plymouth. Mass begins at 5:30 pm and will be followed by dinner and lawn games. Bring a side to share. The main course and drinks are provided. All young adults welcome!

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:

- ♦ **BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+ Hike/Walk Quarry Lake Trail in Harrington Beach State Park:** Join fellow 55+ for a hike on **Thursday, July 27 at 10:00 am**. Meet in the Blessed Trinity Church parking lot and we will carpool and caravan to Harrington Beach State Park (531 County Road D, Belgium) together. A park sticker is required to enter the park. Groups can hike together or break off into smaller groups. Bring lunch. There are picnic tables available. If you are interested or need a ride, please contact Jim Klich. Call or text 920-946-0809 by Sunday, July 23rd.



Dear Padre,

I have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First, there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread. ●



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JULY 12, 2020



JANTANEE RUNPRANOMKOR / SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

July 17
Weekday
Ex 1:8–14, 22
Mt 10:34–11:1

TUESDAY

July 18
Weekday
Ex 2:1–15a
Mt 11:20–24

WEDNESDAY

July 19
Weekday
Ex 3:1–6, 9–12
Mt 11:25–27

THURSDAY

July 20
Weekday
Ex 3:13–20
Mt 11:28–30

FRIDAY

July 21
Weekday
Ex 11:10–12:14
Mt 12:1–8

SATURDAY

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

SUNDAY

July 23
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–43 or
Mt 13:24–30

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