

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**JULY 23, 2023 SIXTEENTH 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

## 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

## PARISH STAFF:

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**Finance Council Chair** ..... Rob Wenberg

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**Chairperson**..... Bridgitt Zielke

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Rich Tauferner

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Nick Cinquepalmi

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Carol Marksteiner

Rick Michaletz

**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

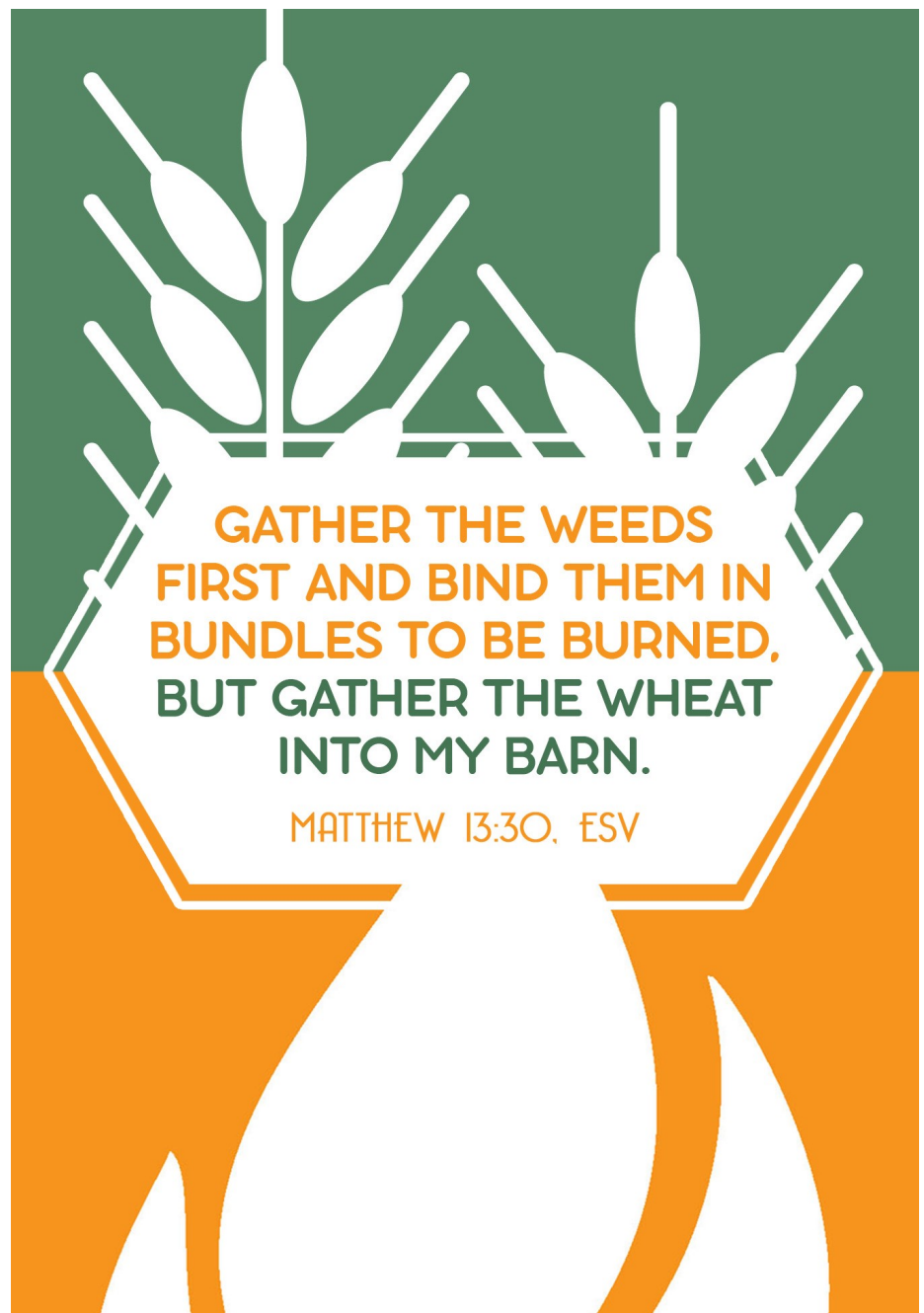
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



## From Father Schmeckel:

In this week's bulletin I'm sharing a number of practical things for both of our parishes:



1. I will be away from our parishes from July 28 – August 8. I will be joining a group of young adults who are going to **World Youth Day** in Lisbon, Portugal. The World Youth Day was begun by Saint John Paul II in 1986, and has been held in Denver, Sydney, Toronto, Panama City, and other places during the past 37 years. It provides an opportunity for young people to pray, learn, and grow in their faith in union with the Pope. I am very fortunate to be able to join in this year's celebrations. Three years from now, I hope that we can bring a group of our young people to wherever World Youth Day will be held so that they too can grow in their faith and also meet the Pope!
2. **Thank you to all Saint John Evangelist parishioners who have made a pledge to support the Love One Another Campaign!** I received word this week that we reached 100% of our goal! This is a great witness to the generosity of our parishioners. Even if you were unable to contribute financially, I am grateful for your prayerful support of this endeavor! Thank you!
3. This past week air conditioners were installed in the Religious Education wing at Saint John's. We were able to use "Faith in Our Future" funds that were set aside for facility improvements years ago. We can now use this space more comfortably throughout the summer and when Religious Education Classes begin again to provide opportunities for parishioners and others of all ages to learn together, to build community, and to grow in our friendship with Jesus.
4. You may have noticed at Blessed Trinity Parish that we have been restoring the confessional along the left side of the church. I am grateful to, and for, all those who have worked to make this possible. We now have a dedicated space that will be used solely for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I hope that having this designated area for the celebration of this Sacrament will help everyone make better use of this Sacrament of Mercy, and have Confession become a more regular part of all of our spiritual lives.
5. Our parishes have been designated as **"teaching parishes" for a Seminarian from Saint Francis de Sales Seminary.** Jacob Bruns will be with us on weekends and at other times for the next four years. He will serve in different roles as he continues his formation and preparation for the priesthood. Our parishes will be a great place for him to get involved in, and be connected to, parish life. This is a wonderful opportunity both for Jacob and for us. We will be involved in shaping the next generation of priests who will serve in our local churches. Look for an introduction from Jacob and more information about the role of our "teaching parishes" very soon. (Stay tuned for other updates about vocations in our parishes too!)
6. As we continue to be part of the Eucharistic Revival in the United States, we have a small group of parishioners from both parishes working on new opportunities for formation and Eucharistic Adoration. Beginning in the fall, we are hoping to offer Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays from 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM. We will be looking for people to commit to praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour each week! More details and opportunities to come!

Please know of my prayers for you while I am traveling together with Pope Francis and the hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world!

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will not be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, July 30 and August 6 due to Father Schmeckel's absence.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†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
Tuesday	July 25	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Al Nett by Alvin & Marie Van Treeck
Wednesday	July 26	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kolakowski & Kornowski Families by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Thursday	July 27	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Ted & Ceil Wegner by Ron & Mary Book
Friday	July 28	St. John's	7:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by McGinnis Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Lucy Cardarelle by Ann Reineking, †Marlene Freville by Joan Schueffner, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Sunday	July 30	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	July 30	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Robert Nebel by Bettag Family, Special Intention for Jerome & Evelyn Schleicher by Leo Schleicher Family



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.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed beginning at **11:30 am on Wednesday, July 26**. The office will open again on **Monday, July 31**. All emails and voicemails will be returned as soon as possible. If there is an emergency, please call the emergency number at 920-550-1145. **Beginning at noon on Wednesday and through the parish office closure, the Religious Education doors will be locked. Please use the Church canopy doors from 7:30 am until noon (Thursday and Friday) for access to the church.**

## LAY MINISTERS FOR JULY 30

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Steve O'Neil Riley H.
Servers	Anthony J. Ben B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick Cinquepalmi
Ushers	Rob Holzrichter Aaron Justinger
Sacristan	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Lynn Justinger

**FINANCIAL: JULY 15/16:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,953.61.



**MARRIAGE BANS II:**  
*Anthony Robert Trecroci*  
*Julia Kathryn Mauer*



## Preparing for the New Year - Religious Education 4K-Grade 6:

During these summer days, we are getting ready to begin the new school year and looking forward to helping families and most importantly, the children, learn about and celebrate the "Gift of Faith" that their parents gave them when they brought them to Church to be Baptized. Letters to parents, class schedules and information forms will be sent to all families whose children attended classes last year during the coming week.

Some additional information for families whose children will be NEW to our 4K-Grade 6 Program this year:

1. If your children will be attending our Wednesday afternoon classes (4:00 PM to 5:15 PM) for the first time this year, please contact us as soon as possible and let us know. We need to find Volunteer teachers/catechists, order materials, and prepare for all students, so having accurate enrollment numbers is very important.
2. Our 4- and 5-year-old Kindergarten classes fill quickly, as do some other classes, so please make sure you register your children for these classes as soon as possible.
3. Preparation for two Sacraments, that children receive in the Spring of Grade 2, First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (First Communion) begins in Grade 1, and First and Second Grade students should attend in-school classes to prepare for these Sacraments.
4. We also have an in-school program to prepare older children who have not received one or both of these Sacraments. Contact us as soon as possible if your older child needs special preparation for the Sacraments.
5. If you are aware of other families who are interested in enrolling their children in our program, please give me their names and contact information or have them get in touch with me.
6. If you or anyone you know is interested/willing to serve as teachers/catechists, substitutes, or teacher/program assistants from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM on Wednesdays, please contact me as well.
7. Please send e-mail to [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or call 920-452-9623 if you have questions or want to enroll children.

As always thank you to all those who have no children in our Religious Education Program for your ongoing assistance support and especially for your prayers!

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

**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!

**It's Coming . . .** While you'll have to wait for the 2025 NFL draft in Green Bay, you can do St. John's Fantasy Football draft next month. Want to get in on the action? Contact Tom Reilly ([treilly53044@gmail.com](mailto:treilly53044@gmail.com)) or Aaron Justinger ([amj91@att.net](mailto:amj91@att.net)) ~Tom Reilly

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



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JULY 22

12:00 pm

AA Meeting

Church Hall

3:00 pm

Reconciliation

**4:00 pm**

**Mass**

## SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00 - 8:45 am

Reconciliation

9:00 am

Mass

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

7:00 am

Mass

## THURSDAY, JULY 27

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Bible Study

Church Hall

## FRIDAY, JULY 28

7:00 am

Mass

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

12:00 pm

AA Meeting

Church Hall

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 am

Mass



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## Eucharistic Revival

What is the Eucharistic Revival?

How does it affect me? my Family?

Symbol? or Real Presence?

Transubstantiation?

Sacrament of Adoration?

Should I (We) really care about all of this?



## 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. **Next Delivery: Monday, August 7: John & Karen Egan and Georgia Packer**



## BLESSED TRINITY SUMMER PICNIC



Save the Date:  
Sunday, August 20  
11:30 - 2:30

### Entertainment by:

Hannah Rose Reyes duo

The Balloon Lady

### Also:

Food, Games, Bingo,

Dunk Tank

# 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)

August 2023



**COVID Update:** Masks are optional.

Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

## Eternal Rest Series (continued)

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 the video and discussion.

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.**



**Thursday, August 10, 1:00-2:00 pm**

CLC-Meeting Room

Bring a topping to share!

Vanilla ice cream and chocolate syrup will be provided.

**Please register with Mary, by August 8, at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org).**

## Health and Wellness Tuesdays



- July 25      - **Health and Wellness Discussion** — Join us for a general group discussion on edible flowers, motivators for making healthy choices and future topics of interest, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- August 1    - **Real Estate Trends** with Donna Krueger — **POSTPONED** until September 26th
- August 8    - Volunteer at the Boys and Girls Clubs with a group from the Catholic Life Center. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Registration required. See below.
- August 15   - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, office closed
- August 22, 29- No class

**\*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.



## Afternoon at the Movies

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



**Grandparents and Parents!**  
**Come with the children for videos and popcorn.**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 10:15-11:00 am**

Classroom 8 at St. John's

Coloring pages available if desired.



**Registration required with Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) by August 7th.**



## Make a Fall Wreath

**Thursday, August 17, 1:00-2:30 pm**

CLC-Meeting Room

General supplies are provided for a 12-inch fall wreath. Bring embellishments for your wreath, if you desire. Cost of class is \$6. **Registration is required by August 10 so we can**

**get supplies.** Contact Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org)

## BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+

Are you over 55 and want to socialize with like-situated individuals? **The next event is a hike on July 27.** Please see the Sunday, July 16 bulletin for details. **Contact Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) if you would like more information about the Senior Singles 55+ group or if you would like to sign up.**



## Volunteer for the Catholic Life Center on Thursday, 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 filing cards and redoing bulletin boards and need your help. Join us on this day or let us know when you are available. Contact Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org). New ideas are welcome!



## A Special Presentation – Weekend of August 5 & 6

**Saturday, August 5, 5:15-6:00 pm in Blessed Trinity's Church Basement-Mtg Room**

**Sunday, August 6, 10:15-11:00 am in St. John's Church Hall**

***The EUCHARIST & ADORATION: The Heart and Summit of Christian Life***



All are Welcome! Active Conversation.  
Invite a friend or friends to Transfiguration Sunday.



# Dear Padre,

**Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?**

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



**Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, PhD**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
Weekday	St. James, Apostle	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17	Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23	Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020**