

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 30, 2023 SEVENTEENTH 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

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Chairperson..... Bridgitt Zielke

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Norma Horne

Nick Cinquepalmi

Paul Gami

Rita Gast

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



From Father Schmeckel:

In last Sunday's bulletin, I mentioned that we will soon be offering more opportunities for Eucharistic adoration in our parishes. A small group of Catholic Life Center volunteers is working to find people to commit to spending an hour each Thursday in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. They are also working to provide opportunities for education and formation to foster and increase our love and devotion to the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



Many of you might ask, "What should I do with an hour of prayer in the Church?". You might also think that you could never sit in silence alone for that long. Here are a few suggestions for spending this amount of time in prayer.

1. You could spend an hour **carefully reading the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday**. Reading and re-reading passages and stories from the Bible helps one to pay attention to the details and to hear God speak through them. Doing this can help you be better prepared to listen to the readings when you come to Mass on Sunday.
2. You could pray the **Examen**. This is a way of prayer that was encouraged by Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The "steps" of this prayer are: 1) Recognize God's presence in your life; 2) Give thanks to God for any blessings in your life from that day; 3) Examine carefully all the things that have happened in your day – highs and lows, big and small; 4) Acknowledge your shortcomings or failures; 5) Ask God for help for anything you'll face in the day ahead.
3. You could **pray the Rosary** or some other set of memorized or rote prayer to pass the time.
4. You could read a spiritual or theological book.
5. You could **simply sit in silence and be with Jesus**. Saint John Vianney once asked a man who came and sat in his church every day what he did. The man responded to the priest, "I come and look at God, and He looks at me." You could do this too. Come and look at God, and He will look at You.
6. You could turn off your phone and rest your head on the pew in front of you. Sometimes this happens when I make my time of mental prayer in the morning. Admittedly, it is not a great time of prayer, but sometimes our Good Lord knows that I need a little extra rest and He is generous in allowing me that extra time.

Whenever we commit ourselves to regular times of prayer, we almost always encounter some challenges. Even as a priest (no comma) my time of prayer can sometimes seem boring or dry or 'unproductive', but, in reality, prayer is like spending time with a friend or a family member. Sometimes what we do with them is not all that important. It's spending time with them that matters and that strengthens our relationships. The same is true of our prayer – spending time in God's presence strengthens our relationship with and our love of Jesus.

FATHER SCHMECKEL WILL BE GONE: Fr. Schmeckel will be gone from Saturday, July 29 through Monday, August 7. He will be attending the World Youth Days in Portugal. Father will not be checking his email while he is gone. If there is an emergency, please call the emergency number at 920-550-1145.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Stella Mary Ellen, daughter of Riley & Savannah Jane Printz was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, July 22. Please pray for Stella and her family.

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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Saturday	July 29	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†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
Tuesday	August 1	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Joe & Lucille Kohlhagen by Donna Plageman
Wednesday	August 2	St. John's	7:00 am	†Juanita Beeck by Benishek Family
Thursday	August 3	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Dorothy & Frank Milczarek by Ron & Mary Book
Friday	August 4	St. John's	7:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by McGinnis Family
Friday	August 4	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser
Saturday	August 5	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Bradley Woveras by Family, †Ronald & Valva Schwaller by Evonne McCoy
Sunday	August 6	St. John's	9:00 am	†Larry Spaeth by Elly & Mark Weber
Sunday	August 6	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.

LAY MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 6

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Norah Justinger Colleen Kuhn
Servers	Holly J. Hollyann B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mel Free
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	John Egan

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed beginning at **11:30 am on Thursday, August 3**. The office will open again on **Monday, August 7**. All emails and voicemails will be returned as soon as possible. If there is an emergency, please call the emergency number 920-550-1145. **Beginning at noon on Thursday 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 (Friday) for access to the church.**

FINANCIAL: JULY 22/23: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,731.77.



MARRIAGE BANS III:

Anthony Robert Trecroci
Julia Kathryn Mauer

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 29

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Eucharistic Revival
Presentation



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Please Mark Your Calendars!

Presentation: "The Eucharist & Adoration"

INVITE a FRIEND or FAMILY

Presentations:

Blessed Trinity: **Saturday, August 5** after
4:00 pm Mass

St. John Evangelist: **Sunday, August 6** after
9:00 am Mass

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!



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**

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

All staff and volunteers who work with or have contact with children under the age of 18 years old, must attend a Safeguarding class. Safe Environment Education training session information can be found here: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm>. Please contact the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnnev@btsje.org if you have any questions about signing up your Safeguarding status.



CLC Calendar

August 2023



- August 1 -**Real Estate Trends-Postponed**
- August 1 -**CLC Committee Meeting**, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
- August 2 -**Eternal Rest: The Faithful Departed, Part 4**, from Formed.org., 10:00-11:00 am, SJE-Classroom #8
- August 3 -**RESCHEDULED: 55+ Senior Singles Hike/Walk Quarry Lake Trail** 10:00 am
Meeting in Blessed Trinity parking lot
- August 3 -**CLC Volunteer Opportunity**, CLC organization projects, 10:00am-12:00pm, CLC-MR
- August 5 -Young Adult Mass with Social, Nutt Hill Ski Area, Plymouth, 5:30 pm
- August 8 -Boys and Girls Clubs Service, Sheboygan Falls Elementary School, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
- August 9 -Morning Videos with Popcorn for Families, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE-Classroom #8,
Register by August 7
- August 9 -Movie Matinee-**Cancelled. Returns in September.**
- August 10 -**Ice Cream Social**, Bring a favorite topping, 1:00-2:00 pm, CLC-AR, RSVP by August 8
- August 14 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 17 -Make a Fall Wreath, 1:00-2:30 pm, CLC-MR, Register by August 10
- August 17 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 20 -Bingo at Blessed Trinity's Summer Picnic, Sponsored by CLC
- August 28 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR

Upcoming Dates

- September 8 -**Lake Geneva Bus Trip**
- September 19 -**Conversations Over Coffee with Father Schmeckel**, Theme: Mass,
10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- September 26 -**Real Estate Trends** with Donna Krueger, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE-Classroom #8

Register for events with Mary at 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,

What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament”...and to lovingly embrace “Him as if we had actually received Him.” It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is “highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament.”

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Saint John Paul II wrote, “It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of ‘spiritual Communion,’ which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: ‘When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you’” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today’s many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.

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



SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

TUESDAY

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

WEDNESDAY

August 2
Weekday
Ex 34:29–35
Mt 13:44–46

THURSDAY
August 3
Weekday
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38
Mt 13:47–53

FRIDAY

August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

SATURDAY

August 5
Weekday
Lv 25:1, 8–17
Mt 14:1–12

SUNDAY

August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9