

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



AUGUST 6, 2023 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

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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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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 AUGUST 12/13

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Bill Moffatt Jillian W.	Paul Garni Erin M.
Servers	Sophia H. Brett H.	Anthony B. Annaliese B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Volunteer Volunteer	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Kluge Family	Audrey Waitkus



From Father Schmeckel:

This weekend **we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**. The Transfiguration is always celebrated on August 6, but this year it falls on a Sunday so we can celebrate it with a bit more gusto and joy!

We will read in the Gospel this Sunday that Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain, and He is transfigured before them. He also speaks with Moses and Elijah who, in the Old Testament also talks with God the Father who speaks from heaven confirming that Jesus is truly the Son of God! The Catechism says, "For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory." (CCC 554) In other words, for a quick moment, the disciples see Jesus as He really is – fully God and fully human. I encourage you to spend some time this week re-reading this great Gospel, which you can find in your Bibles: Matthew 17:1-9.



We also hear Peter say in the reading today, "**Lord, it is good that we are here.**" He then goes on (partly out of fear and disbelief) to offer to build tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter's offer would have reminded ancient Jewish people of many other stories of the Old Testament and their own holidays and celebrations.

Today, we can make Peter's words our own. We can say, "Lord, it is good that we are here", when we come to Mass each week, or when we stop in the Church to see Jesus present in the tabernacle, or when we make an Act of Spiritual Communion inviting Jesus into our hearts during the day. We can also make the same offer that Peter did – to build a place for Jesus to stay by making "room" in our days and in our homes for Him. Carving out a few minutes every day to pray, having crucifixes or religious art in our home that remind us of Jesus and the Saints and including Jesus and our beliefs in our in our day-to-day conversations are other ways to build a place for Jesus in our lives. The Transfiguration reminds us to be like Peter – and to offer Jesus a place to stay in our hearts!

Finally, the Transfiguration gives us **an opportunity to consider the problems of evil and suffering**. Many of the Church Fathers and prayers surrounding the Transfiguration talk about how seeing Jesus in the fullness of glory helped to strengthen the disciples and to prepare them for His suffering and death. Even though the disciples fled from Him, imagine how much worse off they could have been had they not seen his glory on Mount Tabor at that moment!

When I was praying about the Transfiguration, I thought about how God prepared Peter, James, and John ahead of time for the grave evil and suffering of Jesus' Death on the Cross. We too should spend some time thinking about why God allows bad things to happen to good people. This is easier to do before we go through great suffering. If something tragic happens in our life – like an unexpected death, or a natural disaster, or the loss of a job, reasonable and rational explanations may not help us. Suffering is always hard, but if we have already thought about difficult things beforehand, we can make our way through such tragedies with a little more awareness of God's presence. It doesn't mean that those times will be easy, but it may help us to begin seeing why God might allows these kind of things to happen to us.

I am writing this bulletin before leaving for World Youth Day in Portugal, but I want to say thank you for all of your prayers for a safe and fruitful pilgrimage! I will especially be praying for our parish families when our group visits the Shrine to Our Lady of Fatima!

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	August 8	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Dolores Kubis by Kathy Eldred
Wednesday	August 9	St. John's	7:00 am	†Gene & Dorothy Reilly by Reilly Family
Thursday	August 10	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Ted & Ceil Wegner by Ron & Mary Book
Friday	August 11	St. John's	7:00 am	†Edwin, Beatrice, & George Adamczyk by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Friday	August 11	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Anthony Mallmann by Betty Mallmann
Saturday	August 12	St. John's	4:00 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	August 12	St. John's	9:00 am	†Jerome & Sophie Kubiak by Reilly Family
Sunday	August 13	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Joan Loebbaka by Doug & Cindy Dorn, †Robert Nebel by Bettag Family

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, August 12 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, August 13 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.



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.

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 stjohnev@btsje.org if you have any questions about signing up your Safeguarding status.



FOOD PANTRY
Volunteers

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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**



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

THIS Weekend: PLEASE JOIN US!

August 5th (Blessed Trinity) after 4:00 pm Mass in Church Hall
August 6th (St John's) after 9:00 am Mass in Narthex

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



MARRIAGE BANNS I:
Kelly Suralik
Brenden Ingraham

AUGUST WINE & HOSTS: In Memory
of Hoell Family by Shirley Hoell & Nancy
Buss by Family

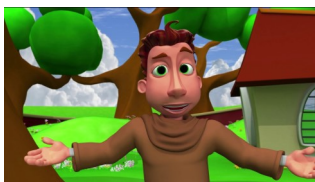
ST JOHN'S FANTASY FOOTBALL:

Ever want to be an NFL general manager
to put your own team together? Or a
coach to set your starting lineup — who
starts and who sits?

Well, now you can. Join St. John's Fantasy
Football League and match wits with the
best football minds in the area. It's easy to
learn and fun to play.

Sound interesting? Then contact Aaron
Justinger (amj91@att.net) or Tom Reilly
(treilly53044@gmail.com) for more
information. ~Tom Reilly

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:



♦ **Grandparents and Parents!:** Come with the children for videos and popcorn. **Wednesday, August 9, 10:15-11:00 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish in Classroom 8. Coloring pages available if desired. Registration required with Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or maryw@btsje.org by August 7th.

♦ **Ice cream social:** Thursday, August 10, 1:00-2:00 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish Catholic Life Center 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.



♦ **Make a Fall Wreath:** Thursday, August 17, 1:00-2:30 pm at Blessed Trinity Parish Catholic Life Center 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.

Mass is for Everyone.....

"Why do I have to go to Mass? What do I get out of it?". These are questions parents, grandparents, teachers, and others sometimes hear from children and teens, and at times even from other adults. Although these questions may seem difficult to answer, there is a simple response: "You are not there to get something, you are there to give something."



Just like it's helpful to get all family members to prepare for a trip or vacation or to help with and serve a family meal and assist with the cleanup in order for everyone to enjoy and take more ownership in it, much the same thing happens when it comes to Sunday Mass. The more involved family members and especially children and teens get, and the more they participate, the better they understand the elements of the Mass and feel wanted and needed.

How can we help children and teens become more involved and better understand the various parts and the importance and beauty of the Mass? In reality, this is surprisingly easy to do. Here are some suggestions:

Beginning as young as 4 or 5 years old, when children are in Kindergarten, they along with their parents can welcome people to church and hand out worship aids. Before volunteering, talk as a family about the importance of making people feel welcomed, just as Jesus did.

At about age 7 or 8 years old, a child could join a parent who is an Usher and can help with those duties. As children get older and become more experienced, they can provide this service on their own. Families can also volunteer to bring up the Gifts during the Offertory. Talk with your children about how you value supporting your Church-community with your time, talent and treasure.

After they have received First Eucharist/ First Communion, and when the Parish offers the opportunity, children and teens can assist as Altar Servers. This important ministry allows those who serve in this capacity to become more intimately involved in the movement of the Mass and helps them recognize the witness of service they provide to the wider parish community.

As children become older more Liturgical Ministry Involvement opportunities become available to them. With proper training and preparation, older children can be Lectors and proclaim the Readings at Mass. Serving God and others as Choir members is another possibility. When they are 13 and 14 years of age and older, teens may also enjoy assisting the Sacristan who serves as a coordinator for the Mass and makes sure it runs smoothly.

It would be hard to find a child regardless of his or her age who didn't take these ministries very seriously and begin to recognize that their presence is important. Some may even continue helping with different ministries as they get older. Above all, it is hoped that they will enjoy their involvement and their contributions and begin to understand and appreciate the importance of coming together as a community of faith to pray and give thanks and to share a simple meal at the table of the Lord – Mass on Sundays!

Adapted from: Teachingcatholickids.com; "Make Way For the Children". [Our Sunday Visitor Publishing](#), Huntington, Indiana

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



Blessed Trinity's

Take & Bake Casserole Fundraiser

Great for an easy back to school supper, a gift to give, or just a yummy fast home cooked meal.

	<u>Quantity Requested</u>	
Casseroles Available to order	9x13	8x8
Tator Tot Casserole gr beef	_____	_____

	<u>Quantity Requested</u>	
Casseroles Available to order	9x13	8x8
Chicken Taco Bake	_____	_____

* The above Casseroles are available for pick up on Saturday, September 16, 9:00-11:00 am or Sunday, September 17, after 10:30 am Mass until 12 Noon in the Church Hall (319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls).

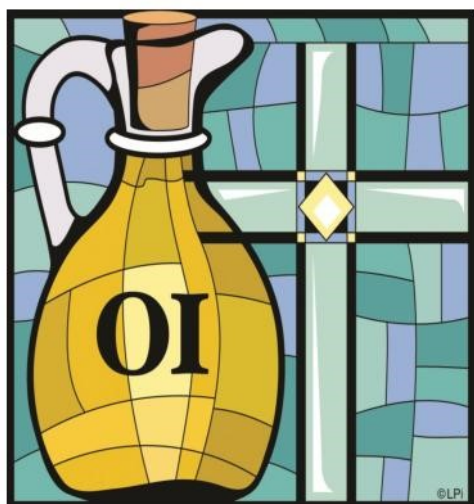
Prices: 9x13 - \$30ea. 8x8 – \$20ea. **Cash or check payable to Blessed Trinity Parish must be included with your order.

Name _____ Phone _____

Submit orders by Friday, September 1 to Church Collection basket, SCRIP Table or the Parish Office (115 Summer Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085)

Questions: Call 920-467-4046 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be going towards the Handicap Accessible Bathroom for the Catholic Life Center of our parish.



We invite you to our annual

Little Lourdes Day Mass & Anointing

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

at 10:00 AM

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
818 Huron Avenue • Sheboygan

Little Lourdes Day is a beautiful **Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing** *concelebrated by priests* from around the city and county of Sheboygan, and always around the time of the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The Sacrament of Anointing is intended to bring hope and comfort to those who receive it along with the grace of the sacrament.

The **Sacrament of Anointing** is administered during the Mass.



Who Can Receive the Sacrament of Anointing?

- Senior Citizens—even though no serious illness is present
- Any Catholic whose health is seriously impaired by physical, mental or emotional illness or old age

Holy Name of Jesus is **handicapped accessible** and we have many volunteers to assist you into the Church and as you depart.

The church is equipped with a Hearing Loop for all those with T-Coil hearing devices.



There will be a time of **fellowship with refreshments** in the Narthex and church following this celebration.

Parishioners, family, and friends of those to be anointed are encouraged to attend this celebration to **show their care, love and support**.

Please contact the Parish Office (920.458.7721) if you have questions.

This event is sponsored by the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Human Concerns Committees.

Dear Padre,

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 7 Weekday Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	August 8 St. Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14	August 9 Weekday Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	August 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	August 11 St. Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	August 12 Weekday Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	August 13 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: "Rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7).

ANGELUS, MARCH 8, 2020