

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**AUGUST 13, 2023 NINETEENTH 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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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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

## Readings for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

1st Reading: Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56



## From Father Schmeckel:

Thank you for all of your prayers while I was attending World Youth Day in Portugal.

This week, on Tuesday, August 15, we will celebrate **the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be offered on :

Monday, August 14 - 5:15 PM at Blessed Trinity

Tuesday, August 15 - 6:45 AM at Saint John

Tuesday, August 15 - 6:30 PM at Blessed Trinity



On the Solemnity of the Assumption, we celebrate and remember that at the end of her earthly life Mary was taken up into heaven, body, and soul. Listening as the Priest prays the Preface of the Mass for this Solemnity will help us to understand the importance of this day. He will say:

*"For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people...."*

In other words, Mary's entrance into heaven shows us what we are all called to in the end. We are called to life in Heaven, and, after the Second Coming of the Lord, we also hope to share in the resurrection of our bodies. Mary's Assumption gives us "hope and comfort" because He has already done for her what He intends for each of us. When we encounter the Cross or suffering in our own lives, the Assumption also reminds us that the toils of this life are not the end of the story.

The Collect of the Mass today (the 'opening prayer') tells us a similar thing:

*"Grant, we pray, that always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory."*

And so, amid all the things that we find in our daily lives - joys and sorrows, highs and lows, we look to heaven so that one day we can have the same reward and the same joy as Mary now enjoys in Heaven.

As mentioned, this celebration is a **holy day of obligation**. It might be helpful for us to remember what these holy days mean for us. Obviously, it includes attending Mass, but Canon Law also says:

*"Moreover, [the faithful] are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." (c. 1247).*

In a perfect world, this would mean that all of our offices, businesses, and schools would be closed for a day of rest, prayer, and joy, but, that is not the reality we live in. As such, our Lord gives us a clear invitation to be creative in finding ways to rest, to pray, and to be joyful. Skip doing the laundry, eat an extra helping of bacon and dessert, and pray the Rosary!

**On a practical note, we are frequently in need of more ushers – especially for 4:00 pm Mass on Saturdays at Saint John. This could be an easy way for you or your family to be involved in the life of our parish in a new way. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact Gretchen in the Parish Office to sign up. Thank you to all of our ushers who do an incredible job helping people to feel welcome and comfortable when they come to Mass!**

# MASS INTENTIONS

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	August 13	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
Monday	August 14	Blessed Trinity	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	August 15	St. John's	6:45 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by Clete & Rita Schleicher
Tuesday	August 15	Blessed Trinity	6:30 pm	†Carol Schuessler by Family, †Alena Marksgraf & John Reich by Paul Morgan Family
Wednesday	August 16	St. John's	7:00 am	†Joe Etchingham by Bette & Bob Kluge
Thursday	August 17	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Russ Book by Ron & Mary Book
Friday	August 18	St. John's	7:00 am	†George Mott by Benishek Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Dick & Jean Gilsdorf by Family, †Bud Wagner by Mom & Dad, †Victor & Sue Kampmann by Family
Sunday	August 12	St. John's	9:00 am	†Rich Lorenz by Family
Sunday	August 13	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, August 19 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, August 20 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

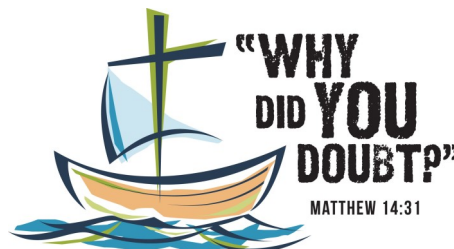
**MARY:** Is **Tuesday, August 15** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish on **Monday, August 14 at 5:15 pm**. Mass will be held on **Tuesday, August 15 at 6:45 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish and **at 6:30 pm** at Blessed Trinity Parish. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, we celebrate and remember that at the end of her earthly life Mary was taken up into heaven, body, and soul.

**All Parish Offices Closed:** All Offices will be closed on **Tuesday, August 15** for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The canopy doors will be unlocked from 6:00 am until 3:30 pm for private prayer and meditation.

**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](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org) if you have any questions about signing up your Safeguarding status.

## LAY MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 20

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Gerry Loth John Egan
Servers	Liam L. Emma L.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Hart Family





# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

**6:45 am** Mass: Assumption  
of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 am Mass

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass



Moms Group

## MOTHERS' MINISTRY:

Mothers of young children are invited to join other moms and their kids on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month anytime from 9:00 - 11:00 am at varying parks in the area! Connect with other Catholic moms as the kids play. Any questions, please contact Maria Schuette at 920-309-2418.

August 25: Ravine Park (by the playground) in Kohler

September 8 and 22: Lost Woods Park in Kohler

October 13 and 27: Cleveland Park in Sheboygan

## ST JOHN'S FANTASY FOOTBALL:

Well, fantasy football fans, we're just about "Ready to Rumble." The tentative date for our draft is Monday, September 4 at 6:00 pm. This is subject to change upon the availability of the people signed up. There's still room for one more person so please contact Aaron Justinger (amj91@att.net) or Tom Reilly (treilly53044@gmail.com) if you want to join our merry group. ~Tom Reilly



## MARRIAGE BANS II:

*Kelly Suralik*  
*Brenden Ingraham*

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

## CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

**St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity Senior Singles 55+** invite you to attend their monthly social on **Saturday, August 26**, after the 4:00 pm Mass at St John Evangelist Parish. Please bring a dish or non-alcoholic drinks to share. RSVP with Mary, by August 25, at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or maryw@btsje.org.. Come join in some good conversation and maybe some games!



**Saturday Morning Women's Group:** Beginning on **Saturday, September 9** and running through December 16 (except November 25) from 9:30-11:00 am in the St. John Evangelist, Narthex and Gathering Space. The Fall program will be Wild Goose a 14 part video series helping explore a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit. Women can attend any or all of the series. Please contact Julia Rodemeier at julia.rodemeier@gmail.com for information or to register. Registration is not required.



# **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

## **Friends OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN**

**2 Mile Walk ~ September 30, 2023 ~ 9:00 am-Noon  
Firehouse Park - 3805 County Y – Sheboygan**

**9:00 am Registration**

**9:45 Blessing and Start Time**

**\$5.00 Children \$20.00 Adults \$40.00 Families \$60.00 Team of 4**

*Registered walkers raise awareness to the challenges faced by neighbors in need, especially the children of Sheboygan County. The walk generates significant funds for use in direct service to those children living in need by offering shoes, coats, and beds.*

Register at the event by cash or check

Or

at the Sheboygan or Plymouth St Vincent de Paul stores





# Dear Padre,

## *At what precise point in the Mass does the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?*

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, “This is my body.” Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn’t the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375–81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn’t seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we’re changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 14 <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i> Dt 10:12–22 Mt 17:22–27	August 15 <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Rev 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20–27 Lk 1:39–56	August 16 <i>Weekday</i> Dt 34:1–12 Mt 18:15–20	August 17 <i>Weekday</i> Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 Mt 18:21–19:1	August 18 <i>Weekday</i> Jos 24:1–13 Mt 19:3–12	August 19 <i>Weekday</i> Jos 24:14–29 Mt 19:13–15	August 20 <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 56:1, 6–7 Rom 11:13–15, 29–32 Mt 15:21–28



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments He is well aware that our faith is weak.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 9, 2020