

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



## AUGUST 20, 2023 TWENTIETH 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:

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

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

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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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



## From Father Schmeckel:

For spiritual reading, I have been re-reading Archbishop Fulton Sheen's "*The Priest is Not His Own*", all about the spirituality and living out of priestly life. As usual, Archbishop Sheen is sharp, insightful, and quite witty at times. One insight in particular struck a chord with me. He wrote:



"Do we organize for soul-saving with the same zeal as we organize for fund drives? When money is needed, a priest thinks nothing of organizing a door-to-door canvass; but how often does he make a door-to-door canvass for converts? Are we having our parish continually renewed by souls who come to tell them what God has done for them?"

Obviously, Archbishop Sheen is writing in a different time. Door-to-door fundraising for parish needs isn't done in quite the same way that priests might have done in his time, but we are still very attentive to making sure we raise the right amount of money to do various things. Now that both of our parishes have successfully participated in the Love One Another Capital Campaign, I can't help but think that Archbishop Sheen's words can and should be an invitation for our parishes.

How can we go door-to-door in our communities and make sure that each household knows about Jesus and about our parish? How can we make sure that every family in our communities has their basic needs met? How can we go from family-to-family making sure that we are inviting people to our parishes and into a friendship with Christ?

I certainly don't know all the ways to accomplish this, but I do know that these are good questions for us to pray and think about as we live and work together as a parish and as a community!

***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!***

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: 2023-24

Religious Education Classes are beginning in less than a month. **All families with students (4K-GRADE 12) who will attend** are asked to complete the Student Information Form and return it along with the Registration Fee by the end of the week (August 25th). Information and forms were mailed to families in July and can also be found on the St. John Evangelist Parish website.

**Registration for NEW students, those who did not attend St John Evangelist Parish Religious Education Classes during the past school year**, must also be completed as soon as possible. Some of our classes fill quickly. We want to make sure we have enough Volunteer Catechists/Assistants, classroom space, and supplies/materials for children/students in all classes, and that we don't have to add anyone to "waiting lists".

**Families of students, Third Grade and beyond, who have not received the Sacraments** (Baptism, First Reconciliation/Confession, First Eucharist/Communion) are asked to contact us so that Sacrament Preparation classes can be planned. Call the Parish Office (920-452-9623) or contact Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org)

# MASS INTENTIONS

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 19</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 20	St. John's	9:00 am	†Rich Lorenz by Family
Sunday	August 20	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	August 22	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mitchell Daharsh by Doug & Cindy Dorn
Wednesday	August 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Thursday	August 24	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Betty Van Ouwerkerk by Penny Kohlhausen
Friday	August 25	St. John's	7:00 am	†Stanley Perzewski by Friends & Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	August 27	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for Religious Education Catechists
Sunday	August 27	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Therese Weber by Family, †Tina Streblow by Scott & Jill Birenbaum

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, August 26 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, August 27 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

## LAY MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 26/27

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Colleen Kuhn Carter Udovich	Steve O'Neil Joseph B.
Servers		Hollyann B. Sophia H.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Randy Miller Ken Udovich	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Judy Grey	Tracy Kissel

## FINANCIAL: AUGUST 12/13:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,951.18.

## AUGUST WINE & HOSTS:

In Memory of Hoell Family by Shirley Hoell & Nancy Buss by Family

## 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](mailto:julia.rodemeier@gmail.com) for information or to register. Registration is not required.



## MARRIAGE BANS III:

*Kelly Suralik*  
*Brenden Ingraham*



**WELCOME TO THE PARISH:** Please welcome Matt and Barbara-Jean Schleicher and their daughter Charlotte to the parish.

Welcome

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 am Mass

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

7:00 am Mass  
9:00 am Mother's Group  
Ravine Park

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall  
3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass  
5:00 pm Senior Singles  
55+ Social  
Church Hall

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Catechist Brunch  
Church Hall



### 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

### BLESSED TRINITY TAKE & BAKE CASSEROLE FUNDRAISER:

Blessed Trinity Parish will be selling tater tot or chicken taco bake casseroles until September 1. Order forms are available on the table under the St. John Evangelist bulletin board or can be picked up at the Blessed Trinity Parish office. Casseroles are \$20.00 for a 8 x 8 or \$30.00 for a 9 x 13. All casseroles can be picked up on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00—11:00 am or on Sunday, September 17 after the 10:30 am Mass until noon in the Blessed Trinity Parish Hall. Please call 920-467-4046 with questions.

### ST. JOHN EVANGELIST/BLESSED TRINITY SENIOR SINGLES 55+ SOCIAL:



You are invited 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!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 7-12 UPDATE:** As we draw nearer to the end of summer, we look forward to the beginning of another year of Religious Education classes here at St. John Evangelist. Our theme for this year's 7-12th grade classes is prayer. The best definition of prayer that I have ever heard is from Dr. Ralph Martin who said that prayer is to "pay attention." Truly, to pray means literally "to ask." In today's gospel story, we see the persistence of the Canaanite woman asking Jesus to cure her sick daughter. Many people believe Jesus was rude when he tells her that "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" or "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But in Greek, the word for dogs that Jesus uses is "kynariois" meaning "a little dog, as in a puppy." So, there is no intentional scorn given to the woman, but rather Jesus uses a term of endearment, recognizing her deep faith and devoted love for her daughter. Perhaps Jesus was actually testing her to see if she really and truly trusted that He could heal her daughter and drive out the demon. Do we possess that great faith? Do we persist in prayer? Do we believe that God can and does work miracles or do we limit Him? This is where prayer is vital, for without a regular prayer life, our faith weakens and our relationship with God withers. Just like in any of our human relationships, communication is key to being friends. I like to say that another way to spell "love" is "time." For we make time for what is important. So as we begin another year of faith formation, please pray for all of our students and their families; our dedicated catechists and their families and for all of SJE to deepen our prayer lives by "paying attention" to the constant presence and love of God in our lives and in each of us! Miracles happen all around us, we just need eyes to see them. See you at Mass. ~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12



## **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



**FRESH MEALS ON WHEELS:** For more than 50 years, Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County has been serving the widowed, poor and homebound neighbors in throughout our community. Many meal recipients are our retired teachers, business leaders and neighbors. As the list of clients grows, so does the need for volunteers to help distribute meals. They are looking for people willing to join in this mission by volunteering once a week, or once a month, to help deliver meals (substitute drivers are great too!). Meals are picked up in Sheboygan daily at 11:10 am and the route will take less than an hour. For more information, or to sign up please contact Fresh Meals On Wheels at [Volunteers@FreshMealsOnWheels.org](mailto:Volunteers@FreshMealsOnWheels.org), or call 920-451-7011. If you or someone you know would benefit from meal delivery, please call us at 920-451-7011.

# 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)

September 2023



**COVID Update:** Masks are optional.

Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

## Bishop Barron's Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Meeting Room

September 27 Introduction and Sacred Meal  
 October 4 Sacrifice  
 October 11 Real Presence



Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights in to the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives as it is given to us in the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

**\*\*Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



## Cell Phone Workshop Thursday, September 28, 4:00-5:30 pm CLC-Meeting Room

Short presentations will be given first and then help stations will be available for questions on cell phone use. This event is sponsored by the BT/SJE Senior Singles Group but all are welcome. Let the CLC know ahead of time, if possible, if you have an Android or iPhone. Call Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

## Health and Wellness Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am



September 5 -No class  
 September 12 -Card Making for Pine Haven, no scrapbooking skills needed, CLC-MR  
 September 19 -Conversations Over Coffee with Fr. Schmeckel, Theme: Mass, get your questions answered over coffee and refreshments, CLC-MR  
 September 26 -Real Estate Trends with Donna Krueger (SJE member), learn about the current real estate market, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE-LLCR

**\*Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



**Tiny Saints Story Time, 3rd Thursday of the month**  
 In St. John Evangelist classrooms starting September 21, 10:00-10:45 am  
 Ideal for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers.



## First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

No First Friday Coffee due to Labor Day

Thursday, September 14th after the 9:00 am Mass at BT in the CLC-Meeting Room

**Walk the Walk...** Our adult walking program starts back up on **Tuesday, September 5** and is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions, call Mary at the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



## Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Rudy*

With low grades, poor athletic skills and a small size, Rudy's dream to play football for Notre Dame looked unlikely. This true story demonstrates the power of spirit and drive.

Wednesday, September 13 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room

Starring  
Sean Astin  
& Ned Beatty



## Saturday Morning Women's Group

9:30-11:00 am, September 9 through December 16 (except November 25)

At St. John Evangelist's Narthex and Gathering Space

Fall Program: **Wild Goose** a 14-part video series helping us explore a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit. All women are encouraged to attend any or all of the series. Please contact Julia Rodemeier at [julia.rodemeier@gmail.com](mailto:julia.rodemeier@gmail.com) for information or to register. Registration is not required.

## BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+

Are you over 55 and want to socialize with like-situated individuals?

\*Our next event is a **social** after the 4:00 pm Mass in St. John's Church Hall on **Saturday, August 26**. Please bring a dish to pass or non-alcoholic drinks. Drop off food in the Church Hall between 3:30-3:50 pm before Mass if you wish. Come join in some good conversation and maybe some games. **Please register by Friday, August 25 with Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

\*We are also having dinner together at Chris and Sue's Restaurant, W3820 Co Rd C, Plymouth, on **Thursday, September 7**. We are meeting 5:00-5:30 pm. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 30 with Patty at [pattydaun60@gmail.com](mailto:pattydaun60@gmail.com) or 920-207-9023.**



## Enrich Your Sunday

Now on Saturdays and Sundays

After 4:00 pm or 9:00 am Mass in the St. John Evangelist's School Classroom #8

<b>September 17</b>	-After 9:00 am Mass, Bishop Barron's <b>Eucharist: Sacred Meal</b>
<b>October 14</b>	-After 4:00 pm Mass, Bishop Barron's <b>Eucharist: Sacred Meal</b>
<b>October 22</b>	-After 9:00 am Mass, Bishop Barron's <b>Eucharist: Sacrifice</b>

Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights in to the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives as it is given to us in the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Join us for these videos and short discussion at a convenient time after Mass.



# Dear Padre,

**Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal?  
We read part of a verse then jump to another part.  
Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?**

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60).

So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective. ●



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**Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

## MONDAY

August 21  
St. Pius X,  
Pope  
Jgs 2:11–19  
Mt 19:16–22

## TUESDAY

August 22  
Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary  
Jgs 6:11–24a  
Mt 19:23–30

## WEDNESDAY

August 23  
Weekday  
Jgs 9:6–15  
Mt 20:1–16

## THURSDAY

August 24  
St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle  
Rev 21:9b–14  
Jn 1:45–51

## FRIDAY

August 25  
Weekday  
Ru 1:1, 3–6,  
14b–16, 22  
Mt 22:34–40

## SATURDAY

August 26  
Weekday  
Ru 2:1–3, 8–11;  
4:13–17  
Mt 23:1–12

## SUNDAY

August 27  
Twenty-first  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 22:19–23  
Rom 11:33–36  
Mt 16:13–20

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"**

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 16, 2020



KAROLINA GRABOWSKA/PEXELS