

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**AUGUST 27, 2023 TWENTY FIRST 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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## FINANCE COUNCIL:

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

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Ryan Kuhn

## PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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

**Vice Chairperson**..... Steve O'Neil

Rich Tauferner

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

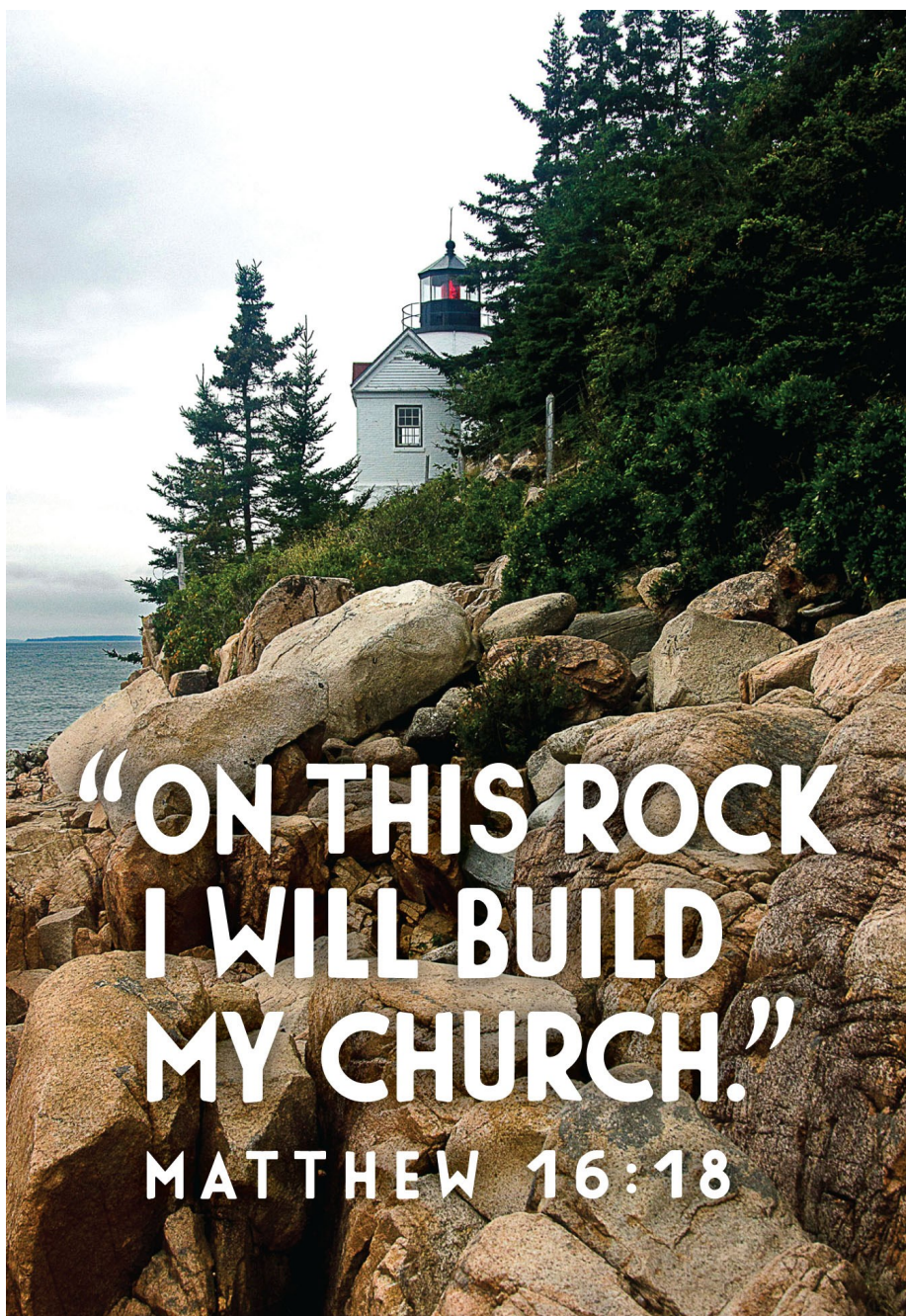
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-636

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



## From Father Schmeckel:



You have probably already noticed that there is one point in the Mass when parishioners from Blessed Trinity Parish tend to stand at a different time than parishioners from St. John Evangelist Parish. Then visitors stand at a completely different time. The result is a rather humorous wave of people uncertainly standing at very different moments. That part of the Mass is called **the Offertory**. After all of the readings, the Creed, and the Prayers of the Faithful, this is the offertory. Usually, music is sung, the collection is taken for the mission and maintenance of our parishes, and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward as the altar is prepared. After everything has been prepared, the priest prays several prayers that are said quietly; he incenses the offerings, cross, and altar; and he washes his hands.

After all of this, the priest faces the people and prays out loud:

*"Pray, brethren (or, brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father."*

The instructions for Mass say this: **"The people rise and reply."**

*"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church."*

The "most correct" moment to stand is between the Priest's prayer and the people's response., however, getting the timing perfect shouldn't be our primary goal. At this part of the Mass, it is most important for us to focus on offering our lives to Jesus who will soon be made present on the altar of sacrifice.

While I am already giving feedback on habits at Mass, I'll offer one more suggestion. If you choose to put your kneeler up or down at some point during the Mass, try to do so quietly and with some control. This will help all of us to pray and maintain a spirit of recollection at transition points during Mass.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Saint Peter's great profession of faith in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God. In part of his response, Jesus says to him, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (For the whole story, read Matthew 16:13-20.) This is where the Church receives the authority of the forgiveness of sins through the Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation or Confession). As the summer begins to wind down and many families are preparing for a new school year, setting aside time to make a good confession is a good way to prepare for the fall and all the opportunities the Lord will offer us.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, September 2 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, September 1 from 6:00 to 6:45 am and Sunday, September 3 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.



# MASS INTENTIONS

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<b>Saturday</b> Sunday	<b>August 26</b> August 27	<b>St. John's</b> St. John's	<b>4:00 pm</b> 9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners Special Intention for Religious Education Catechists
Sunday	August 27	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Therese Weber by Family, †Tina Streblow by Scott & Jill Birenbaum
Tuesday	August 29	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bill Heimerl by Judy Heimerl
Wednesday	August 30	St. John's	7:00 am	†Bill Kreisa by Bette Kreisa Kluge & Family
Thursday	August 31	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Jerry Lorenz
Friday	September 1	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Kristin Stearns
Friday	September 1	Pine Haven	10:00 pm	†Bernice Mett
<b>Saturday</b> Sunday	September 2 September 3	<b>Blessed Trinity</b> St. John's	<b>4:00 pm</b> 9:00 am	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder
Sunday	September 3	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Char Bocchini by Cindy & Doug Dorn Mass for Parishioners

## LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 3

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Diane Hart
Servers	Anthony J. Ben B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mel Free
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Sarafin Family

**FINANCIAL: AUGUST 20:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,507.10.

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



**NEEDED: Grade 4 Religious Education Teacher/Catechist:** St. John Evangelist Parish has been blessed with many dedicated Volunteer Catechists who share our Catholic faith with the children of our parish, **BUT WE ARE IN NEED OF ONE MORE VOLUNTEER TEACHER** to work with approximately twelve Fourth Grade Students beginning in September. Our 4K through Grade 6 students meet from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM most Wednesday afternoons during the school year. Materials and training are provided. Please contact: Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education, 4K-Grade 6 930-452-9623 or [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) if you are able and willing to serve.



**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** Richard "Dick" Schaetz passed away on Tuesday, August 15. A funeral Mass was held at St. John Evangelist Parish. Please remember Dick and his family in your prayers.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS:** On **Wednesday, September 6 at 5:15 pm**, there will be a Mass to launch the 2023-2024 Religious Education year. All Religious Education students and their families are expected to attend. Everyone is welcome!

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 am Mass  
5:30 pm Finance Council  
6:30 pm Pastoral Council

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:00 am Reconciliation  
7:00 am Mass

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:00 pm AA Meeting  
Church Hall

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

**FISH FRY:** St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, September 8** in Van Treeck Hall, Lower Level from **4:30 to 7:00 pm**. There will be lightly breaded fish with your choice of french fries or potato salad and coleslaw or applesauce. They will also have grilled cheese or grilled ham and cheese made to order. Desserts will also be available for sale by the 8th grade CCA students. All are welcome.



## 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.

September 8 and 22: Lost Woods Park in Kohler

October 13 and 27: Cleveland Park in Sheboygan



## 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, September 11 Sharon Kometer and Connie Hiers.**

## 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.

**FRESH MEALS ON WHEELS:** For more than 50 years, Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County has been serving people throughout our community. 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.

## CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

**Reboot Live! with Chris Stefanick:** At St. Dominic Catholic Church, **October 18, at 7:00 pm.** Tickets are \$30-\$39. Get tickets at <https://reallifecatholic.com/>. Click on "Reboots" then find "St. Dominic Catholic Church" under "Upcoming Events". Reboot! is the fun, inspiring, and practical experience for those 12 years and above that applies the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. Join Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and TV host, for a life-changing evening. Hear the Good News that the Lord has for all of us and learn how to live out this joy in your everyday life. Whether you're a lifelong Church goer, just rediscovering your faith, or have never heard of Jesus before, this is the event for you! Make the commitment to have more joy in your life today. Grab a ticket for yourself, your friends, your family. We look forward to seeing you on October 18th!



**St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity Singles 55+:** Walkabout in Bookworm Gardens (1415 Campus Drive, Sheboygan) on **Thursday September 21st**, weather permitting, at 10:00 am. Meet in the Blessed Trinity Church Parking Lot and carpool or caravan from Church to the meeting place at the park. It is \$2.00 at the gate, or you can pre-register for free at [bookwormgardens.org](http://bookwormgardens.org). Bring your own lunch if you desire a picnic. Picnic tables are available. If you are interested or need a ride, please contact Jim Klich by Sunday, September 17 by calling or texting 920-946-0809.



**St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity Singles 55+:** Let's have dinner together at Chris and Sue's Restaurant (W3820 Co Rd C, Plymouth) on **Thursday, Sept 7**. Please arrive between 5:00 and 5:30 pm. All reservations must be made by August 30. Please contact Patty at [pattydaun60@gmail.com](mailto:pattydaun60@gmail.com) or 920-207-9023.



### 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.

### 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](mailto:amj91@att.net)) or Tom Reilly ([treilly53044@gmail.com](mailto:treilly53044@gmail.com)) if you want to join our merry group. ~Tom Reilly

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS OF THE POOR RUN/WALK:** On **Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 am until noon** at Firehouse Park (3805 County Y, Sheboygan). Registration begins at 9:00 am with a Blessing and Start Time at 9:45 am. Registration is \$5.00 for children, \$20.00 for adults, or \$60.00 for groups of 4 and can be paid at the time of the event or by visiting the Plymouth St. Vincent de Paul store.

# CLC Calendar

## September 2023



September 7	-Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
September 7	-BT/SJE Senior Singles, Dinner at Chris & Sue's, Meet 5:00-5:30 pm
September 8	-Lake Geneva Bus Trip
September 9	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, SJE-Gathering Space, 9:30-11:00 am
September 11	-Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
September 12	- <b>Card Making</b> for Pine Haven, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
September 13	-Movie Matinee, <i>Rudy</i> , 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
September 14	-Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, CLC-MR
September 14	-Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
September 16	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, SJE-Gathering Space 9:30-11:00 am
September 17	- <b>Eucharist: Sacred Meal</b> by Bishop Barron, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE Classroom #8
September 19	- <b>Conversations Over Coffee with Father Schmeckel</b> , Theme: Mass, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
September 21	- <b>Tiny Saints Story Time</b> , 10:00-10:45 am, SJE classroom #8
September 21	-BT/SJE Senior Singles, Bookworm Gardens, Meet in BT parking lot at 10:00 am
September 21	-Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
September 21	-Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
September 23	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, SJE-Gathering Space, 9:30-11:00 am
September 25	-Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
September 26	- <b>Real Estate Trends</b> with Donna Krueger, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE-Classroom #8
September 27	- <b>Eucharist: Sacred Meal</b> by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
September 28	-Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
September 28	- <b>Cell Phone Workshop</b> , 4:00-5:30 pm, CLC-MR
September 30	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, SJE-Gathering Space, 9:30-11:00 am

## Upcoming Dates

October 10	- <b>Meals on Wheels tour and lunch.</b> Cost TBD. <b>RSVP by September 26</b>
October 17	- <b>Graceful Aging</b> by Crista Larsen, 6:00-7:00 pm, CLC-MR

Register for events with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto: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 and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.





# tiny saints STORYTIME

**3rd Thursday of the Month**

**10:00-10:45AM**

**Starting September 21**

**IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS  
STORYTIME MEETS IN THE CLASSROOMS AT  
ST. JOHN EVANGELIST - 601 VALLEY ROAD, KOHLER**



*Join us for a  
religious themed story  
activities & crafts themed around the story  
caregiver talking points for conversation*





# Dear Padre,

## Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●



MARCO PERETTO / SHUTTERSTOCK

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”**

**ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 24, 2014**

#### MONDAY

August 28  
*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

#### TUESDAY

August 29  
*Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
1 Thes 2:1–8  
Mk 6:17–29

#### WEDNESDAY

August 30  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

#### THURSDAY

August 31  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mt 24:42–51

#### FRIDAY

September 1  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

#### SATURDAY

September 2  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

#### SUNDAY

September 3  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 20:7–9  
Rom 12:1–2  
Mt 16:21–27