

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 TWENTY SECOND 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

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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

Readings for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

What profit
would there be

for one to

gain the
whole world,

and forfeit

his life?

Or what can one give
in exchange for his life?

MATTHEW 16:26

From Father Schmeckel:

During the summer, the Catholic Life Center offered the program "Eternal Rest" from FORMED.org at Saint John. This excellent series focused on the "art of dying well". It covered a range of topics from the Last Things, funerals, Anointing of the Sick, and the Last Rites. In my column this week, I would like to offer a few thoughts on the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. I will likely write about this again in the future.



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes the Second Vatican Council on Anointing of the Sick:

"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. And indeed, she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ." (CCC 1499, *Lumen Gentium* 11)

In other words, through a priest's prayer and the anointing with the Oil of the Sick, a person who is seriously ill or nearing death is encouraged to pray and to think of Jesus who also suffered and died on the Cross. The Anointing of the Sick asks for a spiritual (and sometimes, physical) healing for a person. The prayers of this Sacrament should also remind that person and his or her family that they are not alone in their suffering and pain – Jesus is near to the sick and dying.

Who should receive the Anointing of the Sick? In the past, we typically generalized this sacrament as the "Last Rites" – and most people did not receive the Sacrament until they were right at the moment of death. One of the renewals that came through the Second Vatican Council was the encouragement to make more regular use of Anointing. Both the documents of the Council and Canon Law say that anyone who "begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age" is ready to receive this Sacrament." (CCC 1514, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 73) This includes the time before a serious surgery or a repeated serious illness. All of these are good times to consider being anointed.

In short, one does not have to be actively dying to receive the Anointing of the Sick, but there should be a serious need for it. This Sacrament would not be appropriate for a cold or other minor illness, but certainly for those who might have serious consequences because of them.

I also would like to make **a few recommendations for our older parishioners**. First, the Anointing of the Sick is not just for those who may soon die. Occasionally, I will find an older person who is afraid of being anointed because he or she thinks that death is right around the corner. You can be anointed several times in the course of your life – so do not be afraid! Second, I would encourage you to tell your children frequently that you want to be anointed before you die – and sooner rather than later, especially if your children are not practicing the Catholic Faith, so they know how important it is to call for a priest. In any of your planning, be sure to include the Sacraments as part of your preparation!

In a few future bulletins, we will work through a few practical considerations and effects of this Sacrament.

In the meantime, whether you are young or old, I encourage you to set up an account on FORMED.org. Through our parishes' subscription, you can view **tons** of materials, programs, books, and other resources to help you grow in your Catholic faith – **at no cost to you!**

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	September 2	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder
Sunday	September 3	St. John's	9:00 am	†Char Bocchini by Cindy & Doug Dorn
Sunday	September 3	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	September 5	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Helen Kalk by Donna Plageman, †Jerry Lorenz
Wednesday	September 6	St. John's	7:00 am	†William Hoell by Shirley Hoell
Wednesday	September 6	St. John's	5:15 pm	Special Intention for Religious Education students and their families
Thursday	September 7	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Arlene Underhill by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Friday	September 8	St. John's	7:00 am	†Charlene Bocchini by Bill McGinnis
Friday	September 8	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Anthony Mallmann by Betty Mallmann
Saturday	September 9	St. John's	4:00 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 10	St. John's	9:00 am	†Eileen Mischock by Koch Family
Sunday	September 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Clara Weyker & Rosemary Reiter by John & Lisa Reiter, †Robert Nebel by Bettag Family

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, September 9 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, September 10 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 9/10

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Erin M.	Susan Vavra Angela B.
Servers	Leighton M. Joseph B.	Anthony B. Annaleise B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Jim Sarafin Volunteer	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Kluge Family	Peter Bustos

FINANCIAL: AUGUST 26/27:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$8,823.00.



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!



All Parish Offices Closed: All Offices will be closed on **Monday, September 4** in observance of Labor Day. The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm for private prayer and meditation.



Welcome

WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome Steven and Georgette Friedrichs to the parish.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 am Mass
5:15 pm Religious Education
Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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.

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.**

On **Sunday, August 27**, 30 St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishioners plus guests traveled to Milwaukee for the 3rd annual Brewer Game sponsored by the Pastoral Council. Thank you to Chris Jennings for putting together the excursion. It was enjoyed by all.



SEPTEMBER 2023: Back-to-school

September and Labor Day weekend are here, and this means that children will be going back to school. As families and others prepare students to head back to school here are five suggestions to keep in mind:



1. Create a bedtime routine — During the summer, family routines often change because of longer days, late-night gatherings, or vacations that alter sleep schedules. Now that children are heading back to school, set up a bedtime routine to maximize their health, wellness, and academic performance.

2. Read with children — Literacy is important to help children develop social-emotional-language skills and to promote healthy brain development. Students will read in school but may need encouragement to read independently as well. Reading can also be a part of children's bedtime routine and can be an important way to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Religious books, Bible stories, and books about the lives of Saints can help to integrate Faith into their education.

3. Spend time together — Meals, when eaten together, provide a great opportunity to talk with children and to incorporate a "prayer routine" into their lives as well. Try to eat together a few nights a week or during the weekend if you can't eat together every night and begin each meal with prayer. According to Harvard University's "Family Dinner Project" eating meals as a family benefits children emotionally, psychologically, and academically.

4. Attend Mass weekly — Because of school, sports, and other co-curricular events, families are often very busy on weekends. It is important, however, to make time for Mass. The prayers and Gospel readings at Mass each week will help to reinforce the lessons children are learning at home and in Religious Education classes. More than any other incentive, keeping Sunday holy and spending an hour celebrating our Faith during Mass is one of the greatest spiritual-gifts that can be given to children.

5. Pray together — The beginning of the new school year provides families and others with a great opportunity to incorporate Faith and prayer into daily routines. This will help children become comfortable with talking to God and teach them that He is always there for them. In times of stress or trouble they will know the vital role of prayer.

A new school year can be as stressful as it is exciting. Remember to enjoy this time with children and encourage them to do their best, make friends, and help others.

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

Adapted from: Ryan, Jessica. "Six Back to School Tips for Catholic Students and Parents": Archdiocese of Newark, On-line. August 29, 2022

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/>. 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.



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. 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 or 920-207-9023.

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



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



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St John's - Kohler
THURSDAYS coming in October

It is important to make time to just sit in
Jesus' presence, to pray, to listen, to be still....
an hour, a few minutes
Come be in Jesus' Presence
More Details to Come....



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.

WINTERFEST 2024: St. John Evangelist Parish 39th Annual Winterfest is scheduled for **Sunday, January 28, 2024**. We are currently looking for a few people to help chair areas of the event. We are looking for Chairpersons for the kitchen, for beverages, and for donation procurement. We need to have all chair people in place by October 15 to move forward with this event. If you are able to help or can suggest others who may fill one of those roles, please contact Shelly Cieszynski at cieszyns@yahoo.com or the Parish office at 920-452-9623. Thank you to Kerri Roeder, Kent & Lisa Saemann, Todd & Any Gutschow, and Patty Langel for their help the last few years.



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.

SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, September 10**. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Social Justice Committee.



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, or call 920-451-7011. If you or someone you know would benefit from meal delivery, please call us at 920-451-7011.

Dear Padre,

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.” Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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
September 4 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 4:13–18 Lk 4:16–30	September 5 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 Lk 4:31–37	September 6 <i>Weekday</i> Col 1:1–8 Lk 4:38–44	September 7 <i>Weekday</i> Col 1:9–14 Lk 5:1–11	September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 Mt 1:1–16, 18– 23 or 1:18–23	September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> Col 1:21–23 Lk 6:1–5	September 10 <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 33:7–9 Rom 13:8–10 Mt 18:15–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's love.

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