

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 TWENTY THIRD 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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## 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Moved with  
compassion  
the master of  
that servant  
let him go  
and



for gave  
him the loan.

**MATTHEW 18:27**



## From Father Schmeckel:

As I announced in my homily last Sunday, beginning in October **we will offer Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM every Thursday at Saint John Evangelist Parish. We are looking for individuals and families to commit to praying for one hour every week in the Church in front of the Eucharist.** Even though we are starting at Saint John's, it is my hope that this will be an opportunity for *both of our parishes together* to ground everything that we do in the Eucharist and prayer. Even if you cannot commit to an hour every week, we will need a group of substitutes willing to fill in from time to time. I encourage you to consider signing up in the back of either of our churches this weekend.



In my column last week, I wrote about the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** and who should receive this Sacrament, and encouraged you to tell your family of your desire to receive the Sacrament in case of poor health or when nearing death. This week, we will use the Catechism of the Catholic Church as our guide to think about when and how Jesus began and gave us this Sacrament.

Prayers for healing of the sick can be found throughout the Old Testament, especially in the Psalms. Again and again, we hear how Jesus, through his prayer, words, and actions, heals people who were sick, crippled, or blind. As with all of the Sacraments that He instituted, Jesus uses sensible signs to give His grace and healing. The Catechism says:

*"Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, 'for power came forth from him and healed them all.' And so in the sacraments Christ continues to 'touch' us in order to heal us." (CCC 1504)*

There are countless examples throughout the Gospels that tell us about Christ the physician!

In the earliest days of the Church, we already see this sacrament being celebrated by the priests of the Church. In the Letter of Saint James, we hear:

*"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (Jas 5:14-15)*

We see that even in the first century of the Church, priests (what is meant by 'elders' or 'presbyters') had this unique responsibility of visiting, praying for, and anointing those who were sick or near death. Next week, we will look at how the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated, and how you or a loved one can best prepare to receive this Sacrament.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, September 16 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, September 17 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## 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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 am	Mass
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Religious Education 4K - Grade 6
6:30 - 7:45 pm	Religious Education Grades 7 - 12

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 am	Mass
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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church Hall
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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass



## 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 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.**

**MISSION SOCIETY:** The Mission Society will begin quilting **Tuesday, September 19** at **8:30 a.m.** The quilting is done in the Mission room located on the lower level. Everyone is welcome!



**NEEDED:** Volunteer Catechists who share our Catholic faith with the children of our parish. **WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS** **SINCE** some of our classes are large and there is a need to find additional adult volunteers to work with students. 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.

## HUMAN CONCERNS/ SOCIAL JUSTICE FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to work at the packing event on October 7. The gift of your time is greatly appreciated. If you would still like to support this event, monetary donations are always welcome. Please make out the check to St. John Evangelist Parish and put "FMSC" on the memo line. Each meal costs only 25 cents so every donation goes a long way.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**St John Evangelist Parish - Kohler**  
**THURSDAYS Starting October 5th**  
**6:00 am until 9:00 pm**  
**Enter through Canopy Doors**

Signup will begin **THIS WEEKEND** after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday (September 9/10) in the Gathering Space at St. John Evangelist Parish and in the Lobby at Blessed Trinity Parish.

**Two Ways to Sign Up:**

1. **Monthly Faithful:** Those who are willing to commit an hour or more every Thursday. Sign up for a time that works for your schedule.
2. **Supporters:** Those who would be willing to substitute as needed. Substitutes do not sign up for a specific time. Contact information and availability are given and someone will contact you as needed.



**SATURDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP:**

Began this Saturday, September 9 will run 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.

**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](mailto:cieszyns@yahoo.com) or the Parish office at 920-452-9623.

**CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:**

**Conversations Over Coffee with Fr. Schmeckel, Theme: Mass:** On **Tuesday, September 19** from **10:00 - 11:00 am** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Enjoy coffee and refreshments and have your questions about the Mass answered.

**St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity Singles 55+:** Walkabout in Bookworm Gardens (1415 Campus Drive, Sheboygan) on **Thursday September 21**, 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. 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.



**Real Estate Trends with Donna Krueger:** On **Tuesday, September 26** from **10:00 - 11:00 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish Lower Level Conference Room. Hear from Donna Krueger, St. John Evangelist parishioner, on the current real estate market. She will take questions after.



## THAT MAN IS YOU!

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- Become a light to the world, your parish and your family - a city set on a hill that gives light to all!
- Embrace the call to become a light to the nations and bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

### PRESENTERS:



**DR. PETER KREEFT**  
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PHILOSOPHER



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FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,  
RENEWAL MINISTRIES



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**STEVE BOLLMAN**  
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,  
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### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday mornings- school year  
Blessed Trinity  
Catholic Life Center bldg.  
115 Summer Street, Sheboygan  
Falls, WI 53085

### SCHEDULE:

6:45 Doors Open  
(Coffee, Donuts, Fraternity)  
7:10 Announcements  
7:15 Prayer, Program Video  
8am Small group discussions  
8:30 Prayer, dismissal

### REGISTRATION:

For more info contact  
Mark Weber 920-980-2112

Scan to Register



# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> Sunday Sunday	<b>September 9</b> September 10 September 10	<b>St. John's</b> St. John's Blessed Trinity	<b>4:00 pm</b> 9:00 am 10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners †Eileen Mischock by Koch Family †Clara Weyker & Rosemary Reiter by John & Lisa Reiter, †Robert Nebel by Bettag Family
Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday	September 12 September 13 September 13	Blessed Trinity St. John's St. John's	9:00 am 7:00 am 5:45 pm	†Russ Book by Ron & Mary Book †Dick Schaetz by Paul & Linda Dros Special Intention for Religious Education Students and their Families
Thursday Friday <b>Saturday</b>	September 14 September 15 <b>September 16</b>	Blessed Trinity St. John's <b>Blessed Trinity</b>	9:00 am 7:00 am <b>4:00 pm</b>	†John Markgraf by Paul Morgan Family †Georgiana McGinnis by K & S Schmeling †Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Carol Schuessler by Family, †Juergen Pietzner by Family
Sunday Sunday	September 17 September 17	St. John's Blessed Trinity	9:00 am 10:30 am	†Orville & Dorene Hoerz Mass for Parishioners

## LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 17

<b>MASSES</b>	<b>Sunday, 9:00 am</b>
Lectors	Paul Garni Joseph B.
Servers	Sophia H. Brett H.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Sue Kampman

**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

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH:** Please welcome David and Kate Boyce to the parish.

**FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 3:**  
Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,812.44.



# Dear Padre,

**Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?**

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can’t pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!***

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



### MONDAY

September 11  
Weekday  
Col 1:24–2:3  
Lk 6:6–11

### TUESDAY

September 12  
Weekday  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

### WEDNESDAY

September 13  
*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26  
**THURSDAY**  
September 14  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

### FRIDAY

September 15  
*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Jn 19:25–27  
or Lk 2:33–35

### SATURDAY

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

### SUNDAY

September 17  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 27:30–28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35

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