

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 TWENTY FIFTH 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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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

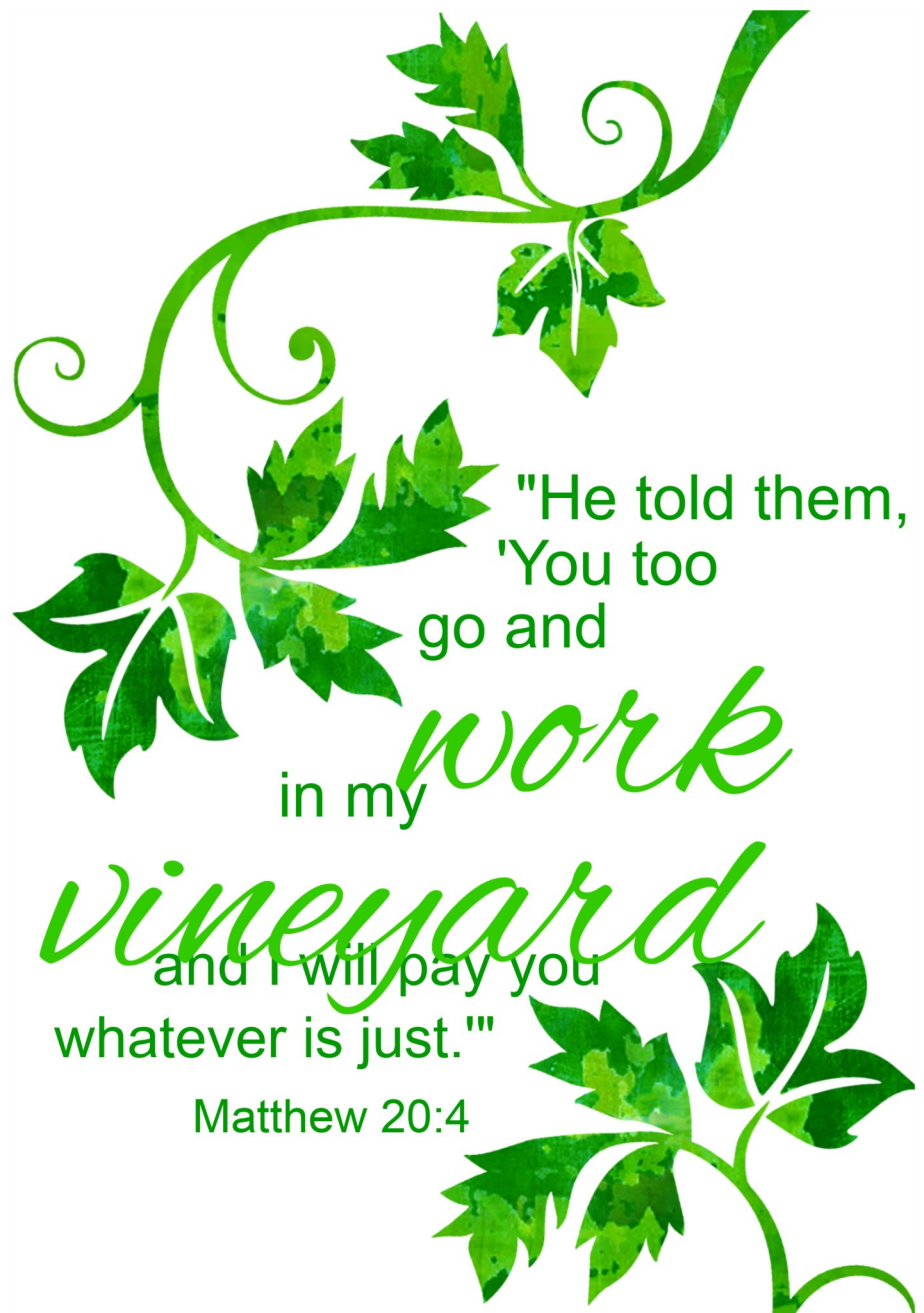
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a



From Seminarian Jacob Bruns:

Thank you all for welcoming me to the parish the past couple of weekends! For those who I haven't met yet, I am Jacob Bruns, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I will be with you all for the next four years as I prepare for ordination to the priesthood. You will see me around the parish on most weekends, and I am looking forward to meeting you all!



I am starting my fourth year of seminary this year, and upon reflection, adoration has been one of the most important aspects of my life. It is the place where I am able to meet Jesus in a very personal way. Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament fosters a place of silence that the world today does not offer. One thing that I have been working on recently has been fostering an atmosphere of silence before entering into the church. An example of that is not listening to music before prayer so I can more easily enter into conversation with Jesus in prayer.

Adoration is quite a beautiful thing, but it can seem daunting at times to spend an hour in silence with our Lord. There is no need to overcomplicate our prayer. We should do the contrary. Jesus wants to meet us where we are at in our daily lives, so bring all your burdens and joys to prayer. One thing I hear people say often is that "I can't hear God when I pray." No need to fret. The silence is where our Lord wants to meet us.

Fr. Schmeckel gave us a great example of what to do in adoration, Lectio Divina. God comes to us in the scriptures in a personal way. So, spend some time in silence meditating on the scriptures and listening to God. It is just like a conversation we have with any friend, spending some time talking, but taking time to sit back and listen to what the other person has to say. Spending time in adoration has been a very fruitful thing for me over the years. It has been life giving to spend time with our Lord in prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, September 30 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, October 1 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

ROSARY LEADERS: The month of October is the month of the Rosary. We are looking for individuals or couples to say the rosary 20 minutes prior tot the weekend Masses in October. If you are able to help out, please contact Rich at 920-918-5066.

The Blessing of Pets on Wednesday - October 4 5:15 pm St. John Evangelist Parish Grounds:

In honor of St. Frances of Assisi and his love for all creatures, we invite you to a "Pet Blessing" ceremony on **Wednesday, October 4 at 5:15 pm (Immediately following 4K - Grade 6 Religious Education Classes)**. All friendly pets, leashed or in a carrier, are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us but are unable to bring your pet, you or your child are welcome to bring a photograph of your pet so they can be included in the blessing that Fr. Schmeckel will give. Please come prepared to clean up after your pet. Any questions please contact Jeanne Bitkers at jeanne@btsje.org or the parish office at 920-452-9623.



MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	September 23	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig by Family Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 24	St. John's	9:00 am	†Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica,
Sunday	September 24	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†LeRoy & Francis Juckem
Tuesday	September 26	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Gordon Sr, & Virginia Rammer by LuAnne Immel & Rick Rammer
Wednesday	September 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Robert Kellner by Tom Desotell
Thursday	September 28	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bill Heimerl & Victor Leider by Judy Heimerl
Friday	September 29	St. John's	7:00 am	†James Smith by Benishek Family
Saturday	September 30	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Mike Ferk by Dave & Nancy Schleicher, †Terry LeMahieu by Jessica Jensen
Sunday	October 1	St. John's	9:00 am	†Lloyd Kovacs by Family
Sunday	October 1	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 1	Blessed Trinity	2:00 pm	Special Intention for Confirmands and their families

First and Second Graders and their Catechists Nick Cinquepalmi and Eve Michaletz on their first day of Religious Education classes this year.



LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 1

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Diane Hart
Servers	Anthony B. Brett H.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mel Free
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Diane Torke
Greeters	Connie Katchkey



Next Sunday, October 1, eight St. John Evangelist students will be Confirmed by Bishop Schuerman at Blessed Trinity Parish. Please pray for the Confirmands and their families as they prepare for the Sacrament.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 - 11:00 am Women's Group
12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall
3:00 pm Confession
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass (Choir Sing)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:30 - 8:00 PM Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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 29

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 - 11:00 am Women's Group
12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

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.



SATURDAY MORNING

WOMEN'S GROUP:

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 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



2nd SATURDAY USHERS: We are in need of two individuals or a couple to usher during the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office at stjohnnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623 to volunteer.

SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, October 1.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Mission Society and the Community Life Committee.



MISSION SOCIETY: Tuesdays from **8:30 - 11:00 am.** Quilting is done in the Mission room located on the lower level (enter through the Religious Education doors and go down the stairs). Everyone is welcome!



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, October 2: Faye Rogers and Tracy Kissel.**



FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 17: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,898.00.

CHOIR: The choir season has begun. Practices are **Tuesdays** from **6:30 - 8:00 pm.** New members are always welcome. Contact Zach at zach@btsje.org with any questions.

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.



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.

BINGO HELPERS: We are in need of additional helpers to say bingo at Rocky Knoll on the 1st Wednesday of every month. The bingo committee is also in need of some prizes to give out. Snack size candy bars are always welcome. Please put any donations in the Multipurpose room on the "Bingo" shelf. Please do not donate religious metals or cards. Contact Bette Kreisa Kluge at 920-912-4075 to volunteer.



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

It is good for us to spend time before the Tabernacle, to feel the gaze of Jesus upon us.
 - Pope Francis

Sign up board is in the Gathering Space. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up. **We are in need of people especially in the afternoon but especially for the 4:00 - 5:00 pm time.** A schedule will be sent out before October 5. **If you are not ready to commit to a slot, please sign up as a substitute!** Any questions contact Susan Vavra at iamsgtv@gmail.com or 920-254-0898

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

October 2023

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

- September 27** **Sacred Meal** (CLC-Meeting Room)
October 4 **Sacrifice** (CLC-Meeting Room)
October 11 **Real Presence** (CLC-Parish Meeting Room)

Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into 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 or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

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

- September 26** -Real Estate Trends, St. John Evangelist-Lower Level Conference Room
October 3 -Veterans' Day Project. Help us make cards to be distributed to veterans through Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice, CLC-Meeting Room
October 31 -Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice presentation. Learn about the Hospice and volunteer opportunities, St. John Evangelist (Room TBD)

***Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

Two Tuesday Evening Programs!

- October 17** -Graceful Aging, Learn about nutrition and movement that helps us stay healthy. 6:00-7:00 pm, CLC-Parish Meeting Room
October 24 -Senior Safety, A police officer will explain how to stay safe in the community and online. 6:00-7:00 pm, CLC-Parish Meeting Room

****Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

Eucharist: Source and Summit of Christian Life

Thursday, October 26, 10:00-11:00 am

at St. John Evangelist (Room TBD)

What do Catholics really believe about the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and why has it become the center point of the Mass and our lives as Catholics? Join us for the Formed.org video and discussion.

Tiny Saints Story Time, 3rd Thursday of the month

October 19, 10:00-10:45 am in St. John Evangelist classrooms

Ideal for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers.



First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Friday, October 6 after the 7:00 am Mass at SJE in the Gathering Space
Thursday, October 12 after the 9:00 am Mass at BT in the CLC-Parish Meeting Room

Walk the Walk... Our adult walking program has restarted 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. An elevator is not available. 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, *Coco*

This animated film is centered around the custom of Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), originating in Mexico. A young boy named Miguel who loves music learns about the importance of family while figuring out why his family banned music generations ago.

Wednesday, October 11 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Parish Meeting Room

*Starring
the voices of
Benjamin
Bratt and
Gael García
Bernal*

Meals on Wheels Tour and Lunch on Tuesday, October 10

11:30 am-1:30 pm at 1004 S. Taylor Drive, Sheboygan

Cost is \$10. Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



Saturday Morning Women's Group

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

at St. John Evangelist's Narthex & 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 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?

Currently our Senior Singles are sponsoring the **Cell Phone Workshop** on **Thursday, September 28** from 4:00-5:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room and the **Senior Safety** presentation by a police officer (see page 1). Contact Mary from the CLC for more information at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



Enrich Your Sunday

Now on Saturdays and Sundays

After 4:00 pm or 9:00 am Mass at St. John Evangelist (Room TBD)

October 14 -After 4:00 pm Mass, Bishop Barron's **Eucharist: Sacred Meal**

October 22 -After 9:00 am Mass, Bishop Barron's **Eucharist: Sacrifice**

Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into 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. Please note that this is the same program as the Wednesday program on page 1 of this insert.



Dear Padre,

When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 25 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18	September 26 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21	September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	September 28 <i>Weekday</i> Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9	September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51	September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45	October 1 <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.

ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017