

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



OCTOBER 8, 2023 TWENTY SEVENTH 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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Rich Tauferner

Norma Horne

Nick Cinquelpalmi

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

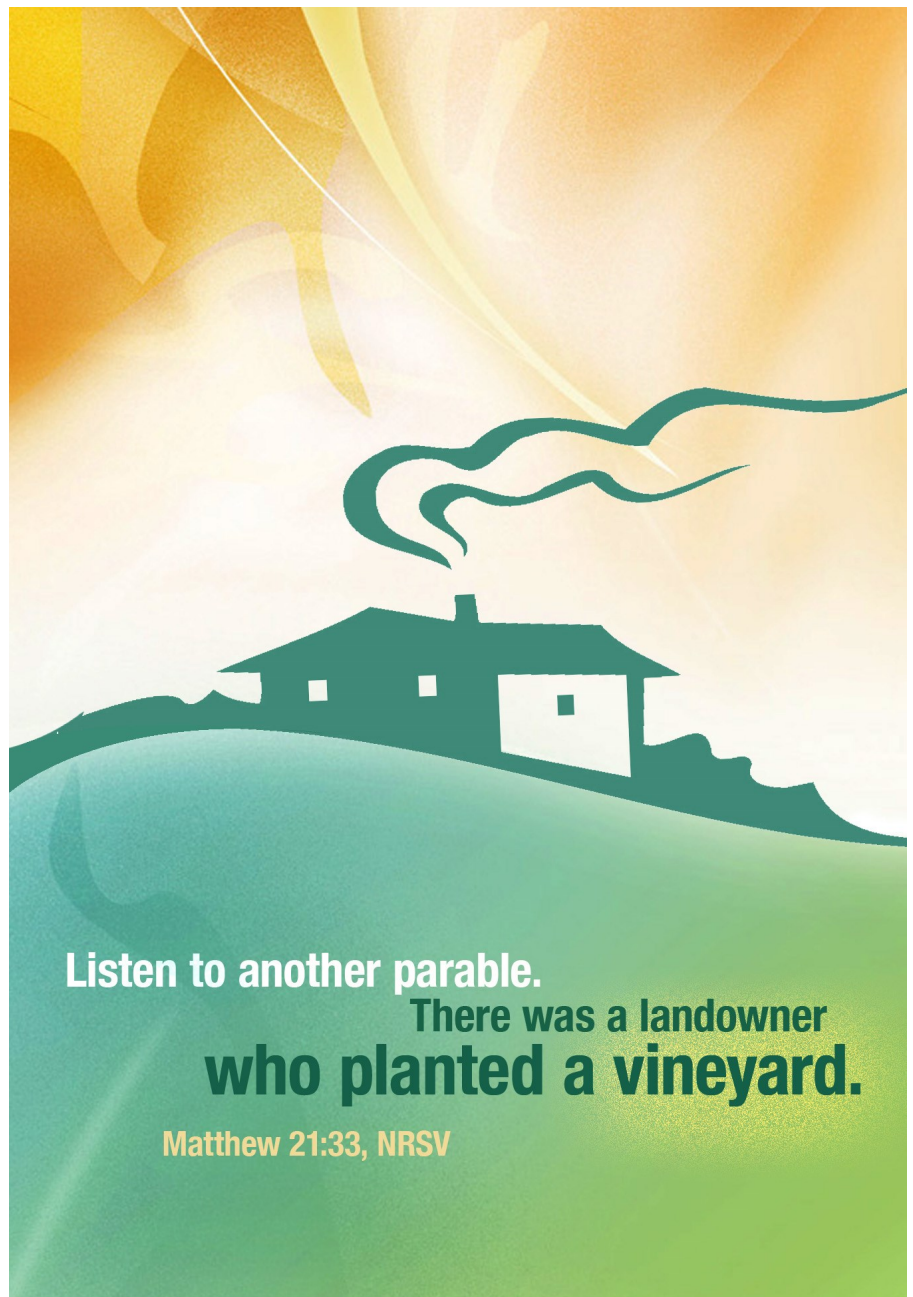
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



From Father Schmeckel:

The month of October has a lot of great Saints that we celebrate in the Church's calendar. Let's take a look at a few of these:

The Memorial of Saint Faustina Kowalska was celebrated on October 5. She was a Polish nun who lived from 1905 until 1938. She had many visions of Jesus who spoke to her about his Divine Mercy. She recorded these visions and messages from the Lord in her diary. Though they were originally looked at with a bit of suspicion, Pope Saint John Paul II later discovered them and began to promote devotion to Divine Mercy – even naming the Second Sunday of Easter “Divine Mercy Sunday”.



On October 7, we celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was originally called “Our Lady of Victory”, which was proclaimed by Pope Pius V after a military victory over a much larger opponent. The victory was attributed to the soldiers praying the Rosary for Our Lady’s prayers and protections. This feast day was renamed “Our Lady of the Rosary” by Pope Gregory XIII in 1573. This celebration is why the month of October is dedicated to Mary and the Rosary. To celebrate this month, your family could commit to praying the Rosary (or even just a decade of the Rosary) once per day or once per week.

On October 9, we will celebrate the Memorial of Saint Denis and Companions. Saint Denis was among the first Bishops of Paris and opposed the worship of ancient pagan Druids. For this, he and several missionaries were martyred for their steadfast faith in Jesus. While we don't know a lot about the details of Saint Denis' life, there are many legends that surround him. One such legend (not likely true) claims that after he was beheaded, he picked up his head and carried it around. As Christians, we are not held to some of the more fantastical parts of Saints' lives (like Saint Denis carrying his head around). What I find interesting in these details is how people of his time and after had such admiration and esteem for Saint Denis that the stories about him grew and grew, and helped people love and intimate his life of faith and love.

The Memorial of Saint John XXIII is celebrated on October 11. Many bulletin readers may remember him as the first pope they were aware of in their lifetimes. He was the Pope from 1958 until 1963, and he summoned the Bishops to Rome for the Second Vatican Council that brought about renewal in the life of the Church in the world – most of which has not come to complete fruition yet. One of the ways we could celebrate Saint John XXIII is by reading some of the texts and documents of the Second Vatican Council, most of which remain unread and unknown by most Catholics. These documents can be very complex and highly intellectual, but there are some authors who can help to simplify and clarify them. Saint John XXIII was also known to be a man of good humor. Once he was asked, “How many people work in the Vatican?” His quick response was, “About half.”

If you are interested in learning more about the lives of the Saints, franciscanmedia.org can be a very good resource to find short biographies and reflection ideas.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	October 7	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Carol Schuessler by Family, †Tony Woelfel
Sunday	October 8	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 8	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Brian Woveras by Family, †Eugene McCabe by Marilyn McCabe
Tuesday	October 10	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Florian & Dorothy Woelfel
Wednesday	October 11	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ed & Margaret Cosgrove
Thursday	October 12	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Betty Van Ouwerkerk by Geri McLester
Friday	October 13	St. John's	7:00 am	†James Smith by Cathy Skeris
Friday	October 13	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	Special Intention for residents and staff
Saturday	October 14	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Herbert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertz by Family
Sunday	October 15	St. John's	9:00 am	†Mike Zehel by Andy & Tracy Kissel, †Char Bocchini by Cindy & Doug Dorn
Sunday	October 15	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING: Will be held **THIS Sunday, October 8** immediately following the 9:00 am Mass in the Church Hall (elevator access is available). Come and hear about the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Financial booklets will be available. Your questions will be answered as well.

LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 14/15

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	John Egan Susan Vavra	Erin Meyer Gerry Loth
Servers	Hollyann Becker Volunteer	Liam LaFata Ben Burris
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Jim Sarafin Volunteer	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Patti Cosgrove	Peggy Zimmerman

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

We are looking for a few more people to join the Religious Education Committee. If you are willing and interested please attend our next meeting on **Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm** in Classroom #8. Meetings are usually held monthly and last about 30 to 45 minutes. If you would like more information, please contact Fr. Schmeckel.



ROSARY LEADERS:

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

Sunday, October 8: Peter Guske
Saturday, October 14: Mel & Lorrie
Free

Sunday, October 15: Rich Tauferner

FINANCIAL: OCTOBER 1: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,069.50.

OCTOBER WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass
10:00 am Annual Meeting
Church Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 am Mass
9:00 - 11:00 am Mother's Ministry
Cleveland Park Sheb.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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.

October 13 and 27: Cleveland Park in Sheboygan

COMBINED COLLECTION: The 2023 Combine Collection kicks off this weekend, October 7/8. Envelopes will be at the church entrances. The Combined Collection aids in the works of Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Home Mission Appeal, Peter's Peace, World Missions, and the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, October 14 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, October 15 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

BINGO HELPERS: We are in need of additional helpers to assist with 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.



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.

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

Graceful Aging: On **Tuesday, October 17** from **6:00 - 7:00 pm** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Learn about nutrition and movement that helps us stay healthy. Register with Mary at 920-467-4616 Ext. 314 or maryw@btsje.org.

St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity 55+ Singles: On **Thursday, October 19** at **10:00 am** meet in the Blessed Trinity Church parking lot and caravan to the Ice Age Trail. Bring your own water and a lunch if you desire. If you need a ride, please contact Jim Klich by Sunday, October 15 at 920-946-0809. There will be some hills to climb.



Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life: On **Thursday, October 26** from **10:00 - 11:00 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish. 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?

REBOOT WITH CHRIS STEFANICK: Has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** at St. Dominic Parish. If you already purchased tickets to the event which was to be held in October, they can be used for the April event or contact Alison at alison@reallifecatholic.com for a refund.



Last Sunday, October 1, Bishop Schuerman administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty students from St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes and celebrated the Mass.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: An **ALL SAINTS' DAY GATHERING** for **CHILDREN** will be held on **Sunday, November 5th** from **4:00 - 6:00 pm**. Watch the Bulletin for more information.

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN: All staff and volunteers who work with or have contact with children under the age of 18 years old, must attend a Safeguarding class. Safe Environment Education training session information can be found here: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm>. **There will be a Safeguarding session at Blessed Trinity Parish on Monday, October 23 at 6:00 pm.** Please contact the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnnev@btsje.org if you have any questions about signing up your Safeguarding status.

HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE EMMAUS MEAL: St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns Social Justice Committee members will once again be serving an 'Emmaus Meal' on **Saturday, October 28th from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** They are seeking volunteers to help serve that meal (held at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Ave., Sheboygan) and/or to provide desserts. If you are available to bake or offer a few volunteer hours, please contact Sharon Reilly (920-980-9622) or sign up on the board at the church in the Gathering Space area. Thank you!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

Thank you to everyone who donated their time this Saturday to Feed My Starving Children. Also, \$2,150.00 was collected. This will be used for ingredients for the meals. ~Sharon Reilly, Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee

HOMEBOUND VISITS: If you or someone you know is homebound and is interested in receiving Communion on the first Friday of the month, please call the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 so that Father can visit, and we can also arrange Communion visits.

HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE RESPECT DIAPER DRIVE:

A playpen will be set up in the Gathering Space to collect diapers to be distributed to Mary's Room and Anchor of Hope has a special need for clothing for newborns and clothing sizes 5 or 6 for older children.. Please bring all diapers by Tuesday, October 31. Any questions, please contact Mary Jo Widder (mwidder@att.net) or Sharon Reilly (reillys53044@gmail.com).



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
St John Evangelist Parish - Kohler
THURSDAYS

6:00 am until 9:00 pm

Enter through the Church doors with the Canopy

Why should I go to Eucharistic Adoration?

An opportunity for people to pray to Jesus Christ before the Eucharist: Catholics believe the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of God are substantially present in the Eucharist.

How long do I stay? It is up to you. Some, an hour. Others, more or less. Whatever time you have.

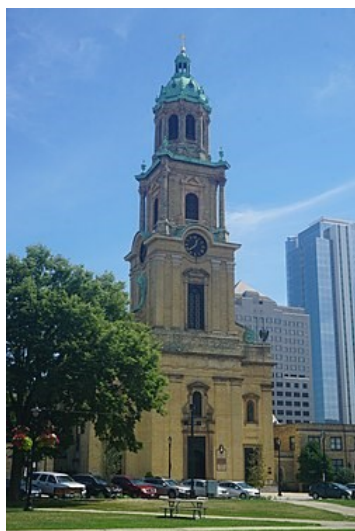
What do I do? Enter the Church in silence and reverence. Kneel down on both knees before Him if you can. (You may also bow and place your head on your hands.) Make the Sign of the Cross. Rise. Then sit or kneel. The time you spend at Adoration may include Prayers, Rosary/Divine Chaplet, Lectio Divina, Examen, the Bible, Journaling. Allow time to be in the presence of Jesus, "Be Silent and know that I am your God." (Psalm 46:11) Your mind may drift. It's OK. Bring your mind back. (ex. Breathe in. Say, "Jesus, come." Breathe out.) When you are ready to leave kneel down on both knees or bow before Jesus. Make the Sign of the Cross.

~Susan Vavra (iamsgtv@gmail.com)

Join us on a trip to Milwaukee
To tour
Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
and Basilica of St. Josaphat



Thursday, December 28th
From 10:00 am until 4:00 pm
With Father Schmeckel as our tour guide



Lunch at Milwaukee Public Market on your own or bring a lunch from home

Sponsored by the Catholic Life Center

\$10 per person or \$25 per family requested to help cover the cost of a school bus

**** A permission form is required for youth attending with an adult other than their parent/guardian.**

Please register by Thursday, December 14th. \$10 per person/\$25 per family.
 Return to CLC or Parish Office (115 Summer Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Total number attending: _____

Total enclosed: _____ **(Cash/Check payable to Blessed Trinity Parish)**

Dear Padre,

How is an icon different from a regular painting of a saint?

Generally, *icon* means a symbol or image. In the Church, it refers to an image depicting Bible stories or holy people. “Icons express in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1160).

Even though an icon is an image created with paints, icons are written, not painted. Icon writing, called iconography, is a vocation as well as a talent. The difference between a painter and an iconographer is that iconographers follow strict rules and standards set forth in Eastern Church canon law and Christian tradition. Rooted in God’s word, icons are rich in symbolism. The colors, gestures, and shapes speak spiritually to invite us to pray and worship.

Icons can be written on almost any surface, but historically most were written on wood and had a gold-leaf background. One example of this type of icon is Our Mother of Perpetual Help, which is believed to have been written in the fifteenth century. Pope Pius IX gave it to the Redemptorists in 1865, telling the order to “make her known throughout the world.” It now hangs in the Church of Sant’ Alfonso in Rome.

To see the original icon in real time and learn more about icons, please visit omphicon.org. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Discernment...involves hard work....We do not find set before us, prepackaged, the life we are to live. No! We have to decide it all the time, according to the reality that comes. God invites us to evaluate and choose: He created us free and wants us to exercise our freedom. Therefore, discerning is demanding.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2022



MONDAY

October 9
Weekday
Jon 1:1–2:2, 11
Lk 10:25–37

TUESDAY

October 10
Weekday
Jon 3:1–10
Lk 10:38–42

WEDNESDAY

October 11
Weekday
Jon 4:1–11
Lk 11:1–4

THURSDAY

October 12
Weekday
Mal 3:13–20b
Lk 11:5–13

FRIDAY

October 13
Weekday
Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2
Lk 11:15–26

SATURDAY

October 14
Weekday
Jl 4:12–21
Lk 11:27–28

SUNDAY

October 15
Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

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.