

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



OCTOBER 15, 2023 TWENTY EIGHTH 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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Chairperson..... Bridgitt Zielke

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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

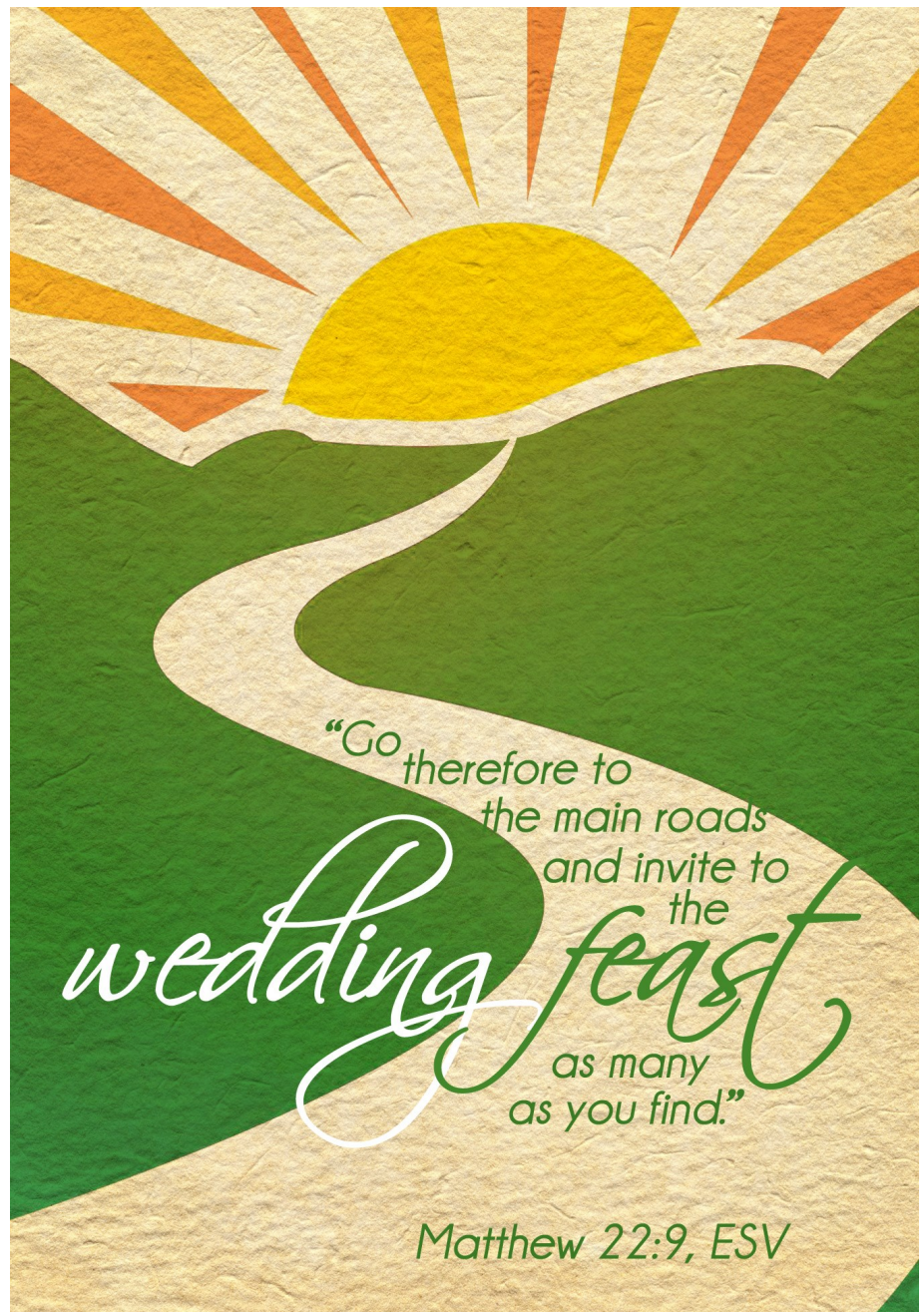
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



From Father Schmeckel:



Recently, I was at a Catholic event outside of our parishes. I looked around at the people and realized the average age of the group was quite high. Most of us already recognize that in many parishes the dedicated core group of volunteers is getting older. I really should not have been very surprised, but it was a good reminder to me of the need to keep inviting people to help do the work of our parishes, in order to bring others to Jesus, to build community, and to care for the poor. To that end, I would like to highlight a few areas in each of our parishes that I see as needing some 'new recruits' very soon in order to continue with this work.

First, I would like to say **'thank you' again to all of our dedicated staff and volunteers** who do such great work to help our parishes fulfill our mission. I know that sometimes your efforts go unnoticed and unrecognized. We can't thank you enough for many years (and often decades!) of generosity and the gift of your time and talent.

Knowing the demographics of many people who actually read the bulletin, I suspect that you may be concerned about your children or grandchildren not going to Mass or not being involved in the life of the Church. Inviting them to do something hands-on or more practical might be a hook to bring them closer to Jesus and life in the Church. For example, maybe your child doesn't come to Mass, but he knows about how to maintain buildings. Being part of the group that oversees renovation and maintenance projects might help him to start a connection to the parish. Maybe your child isn't ready to become a catechist or join a Bible study, but she likes to garden. Helping to care for the plants and landscaping might be a way to meet other parishioners in a new way. Look around your family and consider who might have some skills or interests that can help lead them to life in the Church.

Now for a few practical places that we could use a few more people.

At both parishes, our **choirs and musical groups** are slowly getting smaller. Music and singing are an essential part of how we pray and worship God as Catholic Christians. Without our choirs and talented musicians, our celebration of Mass on Sunday and other feasts would be greatly impoverished. If you have an interest in music or singing, this might be a way for you or someone you know to engage in the life of the parish. At Saint John's, choir practices are held on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM. At Blessed Trinity, choir practices are on Thursdays at 7:00 PM during the school year. Contact Zach Holzer, our Director of Liturgy and Music for more information.

At Saint John's, our **Property and Maintenance Committee** is in need of several new members. Members of the Property and Maintenance Committee help to keep our buildings and grounds well-kept and maintained. They are involved in contacting and coordinating maintenance and projects; looking at needs around campus; recruiting volunteers to help do work around our campus; and a number of other tasks. Members of this committee are appointed by the Pastor/Administrator. If you or someone you know has experience and interest in these areas, please contact me through the parish office.

Consider this your personal invitation to help continue the great work that our parishes are doing and to continue to build the Kingdom of God! In the next couple of weeks, keep an eye out for a few more opportunities that I will highlight as needs and opportunities for our parishes!

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	October 17	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Norb Laboyeske by Don & Joan Otto
Wednesday	October 18	St. John's	7:00 am	†Deceased Members of the Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner
Thursday	October 19	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carl Wick by Liz Holtz
Friday	October 20	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Saturday	October 21	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†William Lane Jr. by Thomas & Diana Kreutz, †Tony & Adam Bonde by Jim & Wanda Sabel, †Victor & Helen Kampman by Family
Sunday	October 22	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 22	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Donald Dicke by Pauline Dicke, †Robert Nebel by Bettag Family

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 22

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Colleen Kuhn
Servers	Anthony J. Patrick B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Susan Vavra
Ushers	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Diane Torke

FINANCIAL: OCTOBER 8: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,075.00.

First Quarter Financial Summary (July to Sept.):

Operational Contributions:	80,918.38
Operational Expense:	(82,034.23)
Contributions over Expenses:	(1,115.85)



Parish Offices Closed: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, October 20. The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm for private prayer and meditation.

ALL SAINTS' DAY: Is **Wednesday, November 1** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish on **Tuesday, October 31 at 5:15 pm** and **Wednesday, November 1 at 6:45 am and 4:15 pm**. Mass will also be held on **Wednesday, November 1 at 6:45 pm** at Blessed Trinity Parish.



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 **Sunday, 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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 am	Mass
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Religious Education
	4K - Grade 6
6:45 - 8:00 pm	Religious Education
	Grades 7 - 12

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:00 am - 9:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	<i>Church</i>
10:00 - 10:45 am	Tiny Saint Storytime
	<i>Classroom #8</i>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 am	Mass
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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 27: Cleveland Park in Sheboygan

tiny saints
STORYTIME
3rd Thursday of the Month
10:00-10:45AM

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES: St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity SVdP is asking you and your family to help by sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Box for \$40.00. This is a joint effort with the Sheboygan Northside Parishes Human Concern Committees and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Food Box will provide nutritious food for hungry families in our area. Approximately 25 boxes were delivered to families in the Sheboygan Falls and Kohler areas last year. To donate, place a check or cash in an envelope in the collection basket. All donations need to be received by **November 5**. Make checks payable to "St. John Evangelist Parish" and put "Thanksgiving Food Boxes" in the memo line.

Last Wednesday, October 4, the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Schmeckel blessed pets after the 4K - Grade 6 Religious Education classes. Many students and families as well as parishioners and neighbors brought their dogs, cats, bunnies, mice and even lizards to receive a special blessing.



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.



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 stjohnev@btsje.org if you have any questions about signing up your Safeguarding status.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7-12:

Today we celebrate the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Of course, there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary time, the word "ordinal" in Latin simply means "to count." So, we are counting the days until our next big liturgical celebration, which will be the feast of Christ the King before we begin the season of Advent. It is in this ordinary time that we ask, seek, knock and find God in all of our little ways. It is in our lives of family, work, play and school that we bring Christ to the world. We just had Confirmation for our 12th grade students two weeks ago and all of us are called and chosen by God to spread the good news that we are loved by a good and generous Father, as we work and look forward to being with Him forever in Paradise. A line from today's Gospel in Matthew (22:14) has a sobering tone which says "many are invited, but few are chosen." Do you know that WE are the "chosen people!" What does it mean to be chosen? It literally means to be "set apart"-to be holy! By virtue of our Baptism, we are chosen as God's royal family to go out on mission for the salvation of souls, including our own! We can all do this in our own unique way, because when God calls, He ALWAYS equips!



Finally, if today were not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the feast of St. Teresa of Avila. She was born in Spain in 1515 and was a Carmelite nun and prominent mystic and religious reformer. She became the first female Doctor of the Church and is the patron saint of headache sufferers. One of her most famous writings is a short prayer that says...."Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices." Please reflect on this and know that you are loved and chosen by God! See you at Mass.

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12



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.

~Susan Vavra (iamsgtv@gmail.com)

2022-2023 FINANCIAL

BOOKLETS: Are available on the shelf under the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please take a copy.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, October 21 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Sunday, October 22 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:



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?

St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity 55+ Singles Monthly Potluck: On **Saturday, October 21** following the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish. It is Sweetest Day so use your imagination on what food to bring. Drop off your food from 3:30 - 3:50 pm. This group is open to single men and women aged 55+. RSVP to Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616 ext. 314 by Wednesday, October 18 at noon.

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.



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 diapers for newborns and 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).

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!

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILWAUKEE:

In light of the violence in the Middle East, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist will host a Mass and a Holy Hour for Peace on Monday, October 16, 2023. Mass, celebrated by Fr. Tim Kitzke, will begin at 5:15 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 pm, intercessory prayer and recitation of the rosary, and will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 pm. led by Archbishop Jerome Listeck. You are invited to this special time of prayer as we gather as a unified Church to pray for peace in our world, our country, and our community. Information can be found on the Cathedral's website, www.stjohncathedral.org.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

FAMILY CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 5 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
At St. John Evangelist Parish

Open to all ages!

Child or Adult,
Come dressed at
your favorite saint!



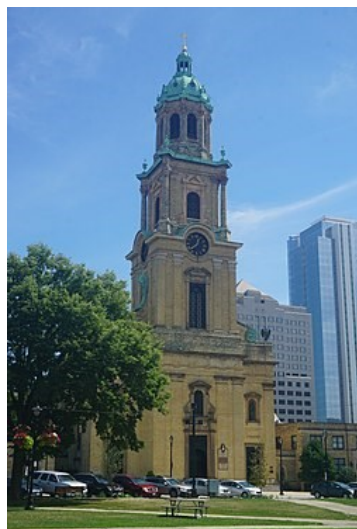
Fun games and
activities for kids!

Sign up sheets for the pot luck are in the Gathering Space. Brats, hot dogs, and buns will be provided.

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,

My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. ●

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
October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22
Weekday	St. Ignatius of	St. Luke,	Sts. John de	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-ninth
Rom 1:1-7	Antioch, Bishop	Evangelist	Brébeuf and	Rom 4:1-8	Rom 4:13,	Sunday in
Lk 11:29-32	and Martyr	2 Tm 4:10-17b	Isaac Jogues,	Lk 12:1-7	16-18	Ordinary Time
	Rom 1:16-25	Lk 10:1-9	Priests, and		Lk 12:8-12	Is 45:1, 4-6
	Lk 11:37-41		Companions,			1 Thes 1:1-5b
			Martyrs			Mt 22:15-21
			Rom 3:21-30			
			Lk 11:47-54			



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The banquet hall is filled with the "excluded," those who are "outside," those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the master, the king, tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!"...He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 11, 2020