

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



OCTOBER 22, 2023 TWENTY NINTH 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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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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

"GIVE TO CAESAR
WHAT IS CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD
WHAT IS GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NIV



From Father Schmeckel:

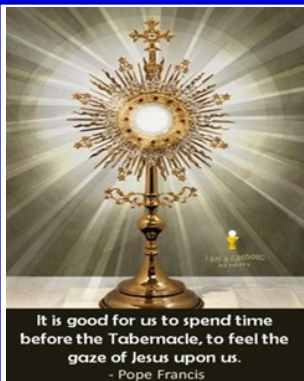
October 22 is usually the Memorial of **Pope Saint John Paul II** – though the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time takes precedence this year. He was the Pope from 1978 until his death in 2005. Given his long reign, he is one of the first popes that many people today remember. There is a whole generation of younger priests, consecrated virgins, and religious sisters who attribute their vocation to some encounter they had with him or his teachings. Personally, this has not been my experience, however, since I went to the seminary and became a priest, I find that Saint John Paul II keeps popping up in my life. Almost every year when I make my silent retreat, I read a portion of a book by or about him and it makes a significant impact on my prayers during the week. Perhaps you too have a surprising saint who has chosen you – who catches your imagination and attention even though you may not know why. These saints can become friends for us and help us to live a good Christian life.



If you're interested in the life of Saint John Paul II, there is a great film available on **FORMED.org** that features stars like Cary Elwes and Jon Voight. This film and many other great films, videos, and educational resources are available for free for Blessed Trinity and Saint John Parishioners by visiting FORMED.org and creating a free account. This gives you access to an enormous number of resources that can help you continue to learn and grow in your faith.

For the next few weeks, I will continue to highlight a couple of the areas in each of our parishes where we are in need of new recruits.

At Saint John's, we're thinking about Christmas already even though it's still a few months off. For our Nativity scene this Christmas, we are looking at a new arrangement of our beautiful figures. This might involve building a stable or a background for them. If you have some creative ideas or woodworking skill, this could be a way for you or your family, or a group of individuals or families, to help make a visual impact on how we pray and ponder the mystery of the Christmas Season. If you have these skills, please contact me through the parish office to further discuss these ideas.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION **St. John Evangelist Parish - Kohler** **THURSDAYS**

6:00 am until 9:00 pm

Enter through the Church doors with the Canopy

An opportunity for the faithful to pray to Jesus Christ before the Eucharist: Catholics believe the body, blood, soul, and divinity are substantially present in the Eucharist.

If you would like to share your time with Jesus, one hour per week in Adoration:

We NEED YOU!

We need Regular Adorers for 8:00 am to 9:00 am

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Susan Vavra, OSF

iamsgtv@gmail.com

920-254-0898

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	October 24	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Margaret Flerchinger by Dave Eder
Wednesday	October 25	St. John's	7:00 am	Animas Purgatory (Holy Souls in Purgatory)
Thursday	October 26	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Anna & Paul Zillner by Family
Friday	October 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Richard Watson
Saturday	October 28	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Herbert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertz by Family
Sunday	October 29	St. John's	9:00 am	†Jerome & Sophie Kubiak by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Sunday	October 29	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 27/28

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Carter Udovich Bill Moffatt	Paul Garni Riley H.
Servers	Anthony B. Annaleise B.	Leighton M. Hollyann B.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Nick Cinquepalmi
Ushers	Randy Miller Ken Udovich	Aaron Justinger Rob Holzrichter
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Greeters	Udovich Family	Lynn Justinger

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist on Saturday, October 27 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, October 28 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

FINANCIAL: OCTOBER 14/15:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,014.56.



ALL SAINTS' DAY: Is **Wednesday, November 1** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be:

Tuesday, October 31 at 5:15 pm
Wednesday, November 1 at 6:45 am and 4:15 pm

There will also be a Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish on Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 pm.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 am Mass
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education
4K - Grade 6
5:30 - 6:30 pm Finance Council
Conference Room
6:30 - 8:00 pm Pastoral Council
Conference Room
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education
Grades 7 - 12

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Church
9:00 - 11:00 am Mother's Ministry
Cleveland Park Sheb.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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 29

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

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.

NEW! Sensory-Friendly Mass: Sunday, October 29:

Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes will be hosting a Sensory-Friendly Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish in Sheboygan on **Sunday, October 29 at 12:00 pm**. A special invitation is extended to any person (and their families) with sensory issues which includes developmental disabilities, autism, mental health issues and those with Alzheimer's and dementia. This Mass will provide softer and less dynamic music, dimmer lighting, and pictorial resources for those with special needs. Community Potluck to follow. Contact Christine Immel at immelc@catholicsouthside.com or 457-1077 Ext 151.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:

The Human Concerns committee is thankful for 25 volunteers who participated in this year's mobile meal pack for Feed My Starving Children. 147,960 meals were packed. 404 Kids will be fed for one full year. The combined generosity of BT and SJE parishioners amounted to \$2,250.00. ~Sharon Reilly, St. John Evangelist Human Concerns

Coming Soon: Halloween and All Saints Day - Holiday and Holyday:

Children love Holidays, and many adults do too. Holidays, such as Halloween, remind us how special life is. Halloween is both rich in history and in meaning, and much of it is religious. This provides a great opportunity to combine both fun and learning. Halloween comes from the word hallowed meaning "blessed" or "holy", so It is fitting that on the night before All Saints Day, we remember and celebrate our belief in the close connection of Saints to our own lives. Here are two suggestions that might help you do that:

1. Remind children and others that Halloween is a festive day and that it is the eve of the celebration of All Saints Day. We ask the Saints—our spiritual ancestors—to pray for us on our own journey to holiness.
2. Research a favorite Saint and dress up or help children dress as a Saint this year. There are many websites that provide numerous suggestions.

Catholics believe that God is present in all things and in all times. This means that every day on the calendar presents another opportunity to encounter and celebrate the presence of God in our lives. Halloween can be a time to engage in special activities and rituals to observe the spirit of the day, and also to make a connection to the All Saints Holyday (November 1) and to our Catholic faith.

Adapted from: Loyola Press, 2020. Paprocki, Joe, "Celebrating Your Values on Halloween".
~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6



WANTED: GLASS JARS: We are looking for donations of empty glass jars, such as jelly jars or baby food jars, for our November 5th All Saints Day Party. If you have any empty jars that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the Parish Office by noon on Friday, November 3.

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!



All Saints Day: Statues wanted... One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is the remembrance of and prayer with the Saints. Again this year we are collecting Saint Statues, that are at least 12" high to use during Religious Education classes and at other times. If you have Statues of Saints (over 12 inches high) that you no longer display or need and are willing to donate, please place them on the "All Saints Table" in the Gathering Space in Church, or drop them off in the Religious Education Office or Parish Office during the week. Questions: Contact Jeanne Bitkers, jeanne@btsje.org or 920-452-9623 Ext: 220.

2022-2023 FINANCIAL BOOKLETS: Are available on the shelf under the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please take a copy.

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.

24th Annual Mary McGuire Thanksgiving Food Box Outreach



The Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes (SNCP) Human Concerns Committees and St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity St. Vincent de Paul Society have again joined forces to provide a nutritious meal for the hungry of our community. Last year, over 400 families received boxes. **Approximately 25 of those families were in Sheboygan Falls/Kohler area and were delivered by St. John Evangelist/Blessed Trinity SVdP members. We are asking you and your family to help by sponsoring a Thanksgiving**

Food Box for \$40. Each box contains meat, fresh fruit, vegetables, a pumpkin pie, other special food items, and a Piggly Wiggly gift card to be delivered to families by parish volunteers.

To donate, please fill in the bottom half of this form and submit it with cash or a check, made payable to **St. John Evangelist Parish** (put Thanksgiving Food Box in the memo line), by **November 5, 2023**. Place your donation in the parish collection basket or drop off at the St. John Evangelist Parish Office during office hours or after hours in the drop box outside door #5. You may also just put a check or cash in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Food Boxes".

For more information call: • *Mary Petrie (Northside Parishes) 920-458-7721* • *Mary Jo Widder (Blessed Trinity Parish) 920-467-2747*



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YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Your Parish: ☐ St. John's ☐ Blessed Trinity ☐ Holy Name of Jesus ☐ St. Clement

☐ St. Dominic

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOX DONATION

of Boxes _____ at \$40 each Total enclosed \$ _____ Free will offering of \$ _____

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

November 2023

Advent Program

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR

- November 30** -Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, A video pilgrimage to the Holy Land in preparation for Christmas
- December 7** -Christmas as Christ's Mass: The Manger and the Eucharist
- December 14** -Christmas in Rome: a Celebration of the Nativity, A video trip to Rome to celebrate the birth that altered the course of human history



****Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314. A [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) program.**



Health and Wellness Tuesdays

10:00-11:00 am

- October 31** -Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice presentation. Learn about the Hospice and volunteer opportunities, St. John Evangelist-LLCR
- November 7** -Christmas Card Making for Pine Haven, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR
- November 14** -Curves presentation at 508 Broadway St., Sheboygan Falls, 1:30-2:30 pm. Let us know if you are interested in getting lunch at Daydream Café before.
- November 21** -Service Project, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR

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

Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy

Thursday, November 2, 10:00-11:00 am at St. John Evangelist-Classroom 8

Want to understand the deeper meaning of what happens in the Mass?

Join us for the [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) video and discussion.



The Beauty of Adoration

Wednesday, November 15, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR

Please join us for an interactive discussion with video on the beauty of adoration and how to support the adoration times at our parishes: SJE on Thursdays from 6 am – 9 pm and BT on Thursdays from 8 – 9 am.

Tiny Saints Story Time, 3rd Thursday of the month

November 16, 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

No First Friday social in November

Thursday, November 9 after the 9:00 am Mass at BT in the CLC-PMR

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, *Field of Dreams*



This magical film is about a farmer who builds a baseball field after hearing a voice saying "If you build it, he will come", which attracts the ghosts of players from the 1919 Chicago White Sox team.

Starring
Kevin
Costner



Wednesday, November 8 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-PMR

Happy
Thanksgiving



Holiday Potluck

Thursday, November 16 at Noon in the CLC-PMR

Sign up for your dish to bring in the CLC or contact 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?
Watch the bulletin for the next social.

Contact Mary from the CLC for more information or to sign up
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-Classroom 8

November 11 -After 4:00 pm Mass, **The Beauty of Adoration**

November 19 -After 9:00 am Mass, **Eucharist: Real Presence** by Bishop Barron

On November 11, join us to discuss adoration and learn more about it. On November 19, 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.



Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / 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 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	<i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Rom 4:20–25	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21	Rom 6:12–18	Rom 6:19–23	Rom 7:18–25a	Eph 2:19–22	Ex 22:20–26
Lk 12:13–21	Lk 12:35–38	Lk 12:39–48	Lk 12:49–53	Lk 12:54–59	Lk 6:12–16	1 Thes 1:5c–10
						Mt 22:34–40



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 18, 2020