

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



OCTOBER 29, 2023 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

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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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Readings for All Saints' Day (November 1):

1st Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR heart
& WITH ALL YOUR soul
AND WITH ALL YOUR
mind.

MATTHEW 22:37

From Father Schmeckel:

This Wednesday, November 1 is **All Saints Day**. Don't forget that this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times in our parishes are:

Tuesday, October 31 - 5:15 PM - Saint John
Wednesday, November 1 - 6:45 AM - Saint John
Wednesday, November 1 - 4:15 PM - Saint John
Wednesday, November 1 - 6:30 PM - Blessed Trinity

If those times do not work for you, I encourage you to check the websites of other parishes in our area for a suitable time to be with the Lord to celebrate the Saints and remember our calling.

As we celebrate All Saints Day, it is a good time to remember the most important thing in our life: becoming Saints. The French author, Léon Bloy, once said, "**The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is to not become a saint.**" This might seem like a daunting or impossible task. Holiness is not limited to the great saints whose images and statues we place in our churches to remind us of their lives. The call to holiness is for every baptized Christian. Through the Sacraments and life in the Church, God gives us everything we need to become saints.

As we celebrate All Saints Day this week, the example of so many saints and martyrs up and down the centuries should give us hope and courage that it is possible to become a saint, too!

On November 2, we celebrate **All Souls Day**. We pray for all those who have died but are not yet in heaven. All Souls Day is a good reminder to pray for your deceased family and friends. There is a long tradition and practice of visiting cemeteries and grave sites in commemoration of All Souls Day. On each day between November 1 and November 8, a **plenary indulgence** is granted to those who devoutly visit a cemetery and while there pray for the deceased. I encourage you to make a visit to any of your deceased relatives to pray for them in the week ahead. You might pray this prayer for your loved ones:

"Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen."

A word on **indulgences**. Occasionally, I encounter people who think the Church no longer believes in or teaches about indulgences. This is not true, although the practice of indulgences has gone through several reformations in the course of the centuries. The *Catechism* quotes Pope Saint Paul VI in his reform of indulgences:

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven..." (quoted in CCC 1471).

In other words, the Sacrament of Penance (Confession/Reconciliation) brings about the forgiveness of sins, but sometimes the *effects and consequences* of sins remain. Consider a child who lies to his or her parent. She might apologize and ask forgiveness from her parent and forgiveness might happen. However, if it is a serious enough lie, it will take time and actions of trust to help rebuild trust and confidence between the parent and child. Indulgences are, in a sense, a way of re-building trust and relationships after sins or on behalf of someone who has died. The Church gives a wide number of ways to offer ordinary things of daily life to help rebuild our friendship with God.



MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	October 28	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Herbert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig 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
Tuesday	October 31	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carl Wick by John & Ann Wieseckel
Tuesday	October 31	St. John's	5:15 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	November 1	St. John's	6:45 am	†Gene & Dorothy Reilly by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Wednesday	November 1	St. John's	4:15 pm	†Georgiana McGinnis by Clete & Rita Schneider
Wednesday	November 1	Blessed Trinity	6:30pm	†William, Emily & Karen Plate by Randy & Ann Reineking, †Edwin Sabel by Family, †Tina Streblow by Scott & Jill Birenbaum
Thursday	November 2	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Ulrich Bartels by Shelly Bartels
Friday	November 3	St. John's	7:00 am	†Char Bocchini by Bill McGinnis
Friday	November 3	Pine Haven	10:00am	Special Intention for Pine Haven Residents and Staff
Saturday	November 4	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad, †Edwin & Delores Sabel by Family, †Carol Schuessler by Family
Sunday	November 5	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	November 5	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Clara Weyker & Rosemary Reiter by John & Lisa Reiter, †Robert Nebel by Bettag Family

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 5

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Susan Vavra Hollyann B.
Servers	Emma L. Holly J.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey
Greeters	John Egan

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, November 4 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist on Friday, November 3 from 6:00 - 6:45 am and Sunday, November 5 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.



ALL SOUL'S DAY: Is Thursday, November 2. We remember in prayer those who have died this past year, your friends and family members. We especially remember those of St. John Evangelist Parish: *Norbert Haen, Hermine Grasse, Charlene Bocchini, Robert Fischer, and Richard Schaez.* Mass Intentions can be requested by contacting the parish office. The donation is \$10.00 per Mass.

FINANCIAL: OCTOBER 22: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,385.00.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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 29

8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
5:15 pm	All Saint's Day Mass

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:45 am	All Saint's Day Mass
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Religious Education 4K - Grade 6
4:15 pm	All Saint's Day Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:00 am - 9:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration <i>Church</i>
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Study <i>Conference Room</i>

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:00 - 6:45 am	Reconciliation
7:00 am	Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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.

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. **If you have left over Halloween candy which you would like to donate, please place it in the multipurpose room.** 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.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 1** in observance of All Saints' Day. The canopy entrance will be unlocked from 7:30 am until the conclusion of the 4:15 pm Mass for private prayer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS UPDATE ALL SAINTS' DAY: Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints' Day and a holy day of obligation. Religious Education will be:

- ♦ **4K - Grade 6:** Children will come to class as normal by 4:00 pm and go to their classrooms. They will then attend the 4:15 pm Mass with their class. All families are welcome to attend also. Children will then return to their classrooms and leave with a parent or be dismissed as normal at 5:15 pm.
- ♦ **Grades 7 - 12:** Class will be attending All Saint's Day Mass at Blessed Trinity at 6:30 pm. This is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics, so students and their families are expected. Students may also attend the 4:15 pm Mass with their family if that works better.



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.



FISH FRY: St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, November 3** in Van Treeck Hall, Lower Level from **4:30 to 7:00 pm**. There will be lightly breaded fish with your choice of french fries or potato salad and coleslaw or applesauce. They will also have grilled cheese or grilled ham and cheese made to order. Desserts will also be available for sale by the 8th grade CCA students. All are welcome.



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.

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.



CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER BUS TRIP: On **Thursday, December 28**, join Father Schmeckel for a bus trip to tour the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and the Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee. The bus leaves at 10:00 am from the Blessed Trinity Parish parking lot and returns around 4:00 pm. Lunch will be on your own at the Milwaukee Public Market or you may bring your own bag lunch. The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Please return the registration form, found in the Gathering Space, and payment by **Thursday, December 14**. All checks should be made out to Blessed Trinity Parish and may be dropped off, with the registration form, in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Spots are filling up fast so turn in your registration forms as soon as possible.

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!

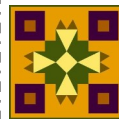


Sign up sheets for the pot luck are in the Gathering Space. Brats, hot dogs, and buns will be provided.

SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, November 5**. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Catholic Life Center.



MISSION SOCIETY: The Mission Society is looking for gently used queen size **flat sheets** (any color or pattern) to be used as a backing for the quilts. If you would like to donate a sheet, please drop them at the parish office during office hours or in marked bin in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the Mission Society which makes quilts on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11:00 am**.



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, November 6: Mel & Lorrie Free.**



*Remember
these lost
loved ones*

**BORN TO
ETERNAL LIFE:**
Paul John Vavra
passed away on
Thursday, October
26. A funeral arrangements are
pending. Please remember Paul
John and his family in your prayers.

CLC Calendar

November 2023



November 1	-All Saints' Day
November 2	- Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Eucharist , 10:00-11:00 am, SJE, Classroom 8
November 3	-First Friday Coffee CANCELLED
November 4	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, SJE-Gathering Space 9:30-11:00 am
November 5	-Sunday Social after 9 am Mass, SJE-Gathering Space
November 7	-Christmas Card Making for Pine Haven, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR
November 8	-Movie Matinee, <i>Field of Dreams</i> , 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-PMR
November 9	-Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, CLC-PMR
November 11	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, SJE-Gathering Space 9:30-11:00 am
November 11	- The Beauty of Adoration , after 4:00 pm Mass (45 min.), SJE-Classroom 8
November 13	-Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, BT-Church Hall
November 14	- Curves Presentation , 508 Broadway St., Sheboygan Falls, 1:30-2:30 pm
November 15	- The Beauty of Adoration , 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR
November 16	- Tiny Saints Story Time , 10:00-10:45 am, SJE-Classrooms
November 16	- Thanksgiving Potluck , 12:00 pm, CLC-PMR
November 16	-Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, BT-Church Hall
November 18	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, SJE-Gathering Space, 9:30-11:00 am
November 19	- Eucharist: Real Presence , after 9:00 am Mass (45 min.), SJE-Classroom 8
November 21	-Service Project for Meals on Wheels, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR
November 23	- Happy Thanksgiving!
November 25	-Saturday Morning Women's Group, CANCELLED
November 27	-Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, BT-Church Hall
November 28	-CLC Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
November 30	- Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage , 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-PMR

Upcoming Dates

December 5/12	-Advent Program: Ten Ways to Appreciate the Eucharist , Part I & II with Fr. Bob, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
December 28	-Bus trip to Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and Basilica of St. Josaphat
January 5/6	-Woman's Retreat, Friday night-Blessed Trinity, Saturday-Lakeland College
April 17	-(Rescheduled) Reboot Featuring Chris Stefanick , 7:00 pm, St. Dominic's Parish, Register at www.reallifecatholic.com

Register for events or call with questions – Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext 314.



CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.

Dear Padre,

How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, “Don’t become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint.” I would widen his expression to say, “Don’t get baptized unless you want to be a saint.” To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of “saint” by the Church, a person’s life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person’s “cause,” often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) served the needy and built an internet gateway for exploring eucharistic miracles.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is the test: if I say, “I love God,” and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 25, 2020



MONDAY

October 30
Weekday
Rom 8:12–17
Lk 13:10–17

TUESDAY

October 31
Weekday
Rom 8:18–25
Lk 13:18–21

WEDNESDAY

November 1
All Saints
Rev 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed
(All Souls’ Day)
Any readings from no.
668 in the Lectionary
or from the Masses
for the Dead

FRIDAY

November 3
Weekday
Rom 9:1–5
Lk 14:1–6

SATURDAY

November 4
St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop
Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12,
25–29
Lk 14:1, 7–11

SUNDAY

November 5
Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10
1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13
Mt 23:1–12

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