

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



NOVEMBER 5, 2023 THIRTY FIRST 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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Rich Tauferner Norma Horne

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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

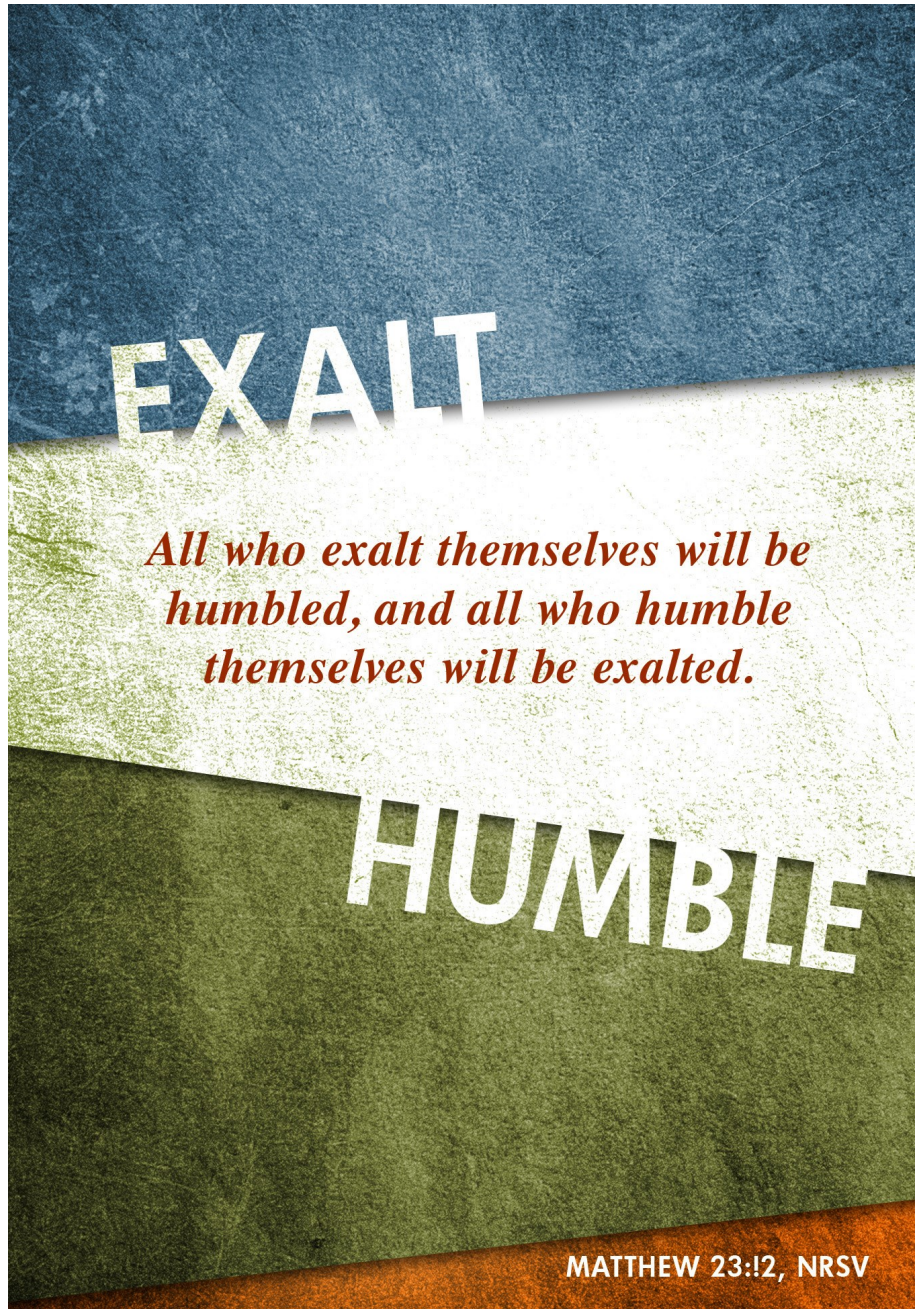
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



²From Justin Spaeth:

Hello St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parish families!

My name is Justin Spaeth, and I am being given the honor of introducing myself to you. I am a candidate in the Deacon formation program through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I am in my second year of formation and discernment with the hope of being ordained in August of 2026. My family recently moved to the Sheboygan area, and we have become parishioners here, and will continue formation as part of St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity parishes. As a deacon candidate, I am discerning the vocation of a deacon. Being married, my first and primary vocation is to my wife, Michele, and our family, and in fact, the discernment process involves both Michele and I! We are enjoying the program which focuses on formation in four distinct areas: human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to us after Mass or reach out with any questions about the program!



My family and I come to the Sheboygan/Kohler area from Menomonee Falls, due to a job change. I am the Vice President of Operations at a manufacturing company called ConceptWorks Inc. Before this change, I was a high school teacher at Messmer Catholic High School in Milwaukee for 9 years where I taught Engineering, Woodworking, Physics, Theology, and Math. I also have a diverse background as an Electrical Controls Engineer, and business manager in Supply Chain. Michele has recently made the transition from working full-time to taking care of our children full-time. All of our children have come to us through either adoption or foster care. With the move, job change, and recent addition to our family this summer, we are a busy crew! Despite the current sleep-deprived state of our lives, my wife and I feel very called to serve and look forward to spending time getting to know and love our community. So far, we are humbled by the generosity and welcome we have received at both parishes!

There is much to say about the diaconate that I wish to share, but for now, could I just ask for your prayers? Traveling to the Pastoral Center in south Milwaukee 1-2 times a week can be challenging, and Michele is often taking care of our three children while I study, read, write papers, and prepare speeches. We could use your support through prayer, as we try to order our lives around prayer, family life, work life, and diaconate formation (in that order!). Thank you in advance for this support, and I look forward to getting to know all that makes up our parish families!

In Christ,
Justin Spaeth

WINTERFEST: We are still in need of a Kitchen Chairperson and a Beverage Chairperson for the January 2024 Annual Parish Winterfest Event. After discussion with the Pastoral Council and much consideration, Father has determined that if a Kitchen Chairperson is not found by **Wednesday, November 8**, Winterfest will have to be cancelled for this year. If you are able and willing to serve in either role, please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 by this coming Wednesday.

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	November 7	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Walter & Florence Voight by Donna Plageman
Wednesday	November 8	St. John's	7:00 am	†James Smith by Cathy Skeris
Thursday	November 9	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Tony Woelfel
Friday	November 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Craig Underhill by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Friday	November 10	Prairie Crossing	10:00am	†Anthony Mallmann by Betty Mallmann
Saturday	November 11	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	November 12	St. John's	9:00 am	†Sylvia Mahloch by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	November 12	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist on Saturday, November 11 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, November 12 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 11/12

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Gerry Loth	Elizabeth Steger Diane Hart
Servers	Sophia H. Brett H.	Anthony B. Liam L.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Kluge Family	Audrey Waitkus

FINANCIAL: OCTOBER 28/29:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$11,3086.76.

Parish Offices Closed: The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 9 until approximately 1:30 pm for the Parish Secretary Morning of Renewal in Milwaukee.



OCTOBER ROSARY LEADERS: A big **Thank You** to those of you who led the Rosary before the weekend masses this month! Also, thanks to all who prayed along! God Bless you all!
Rich Tauferner, Rosary coordinator

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 - 11:00 am Women's Group
12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church Hall
4:00 - 6:00 pm All Saints' Day
Family Gathering
Church Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
7:00 pm Religious Education
Committee
Classroom #8

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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, NOVEMBER 9

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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.



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.**

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.

SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, November 5.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee.



The social is hosted by the Catholic Life Center.

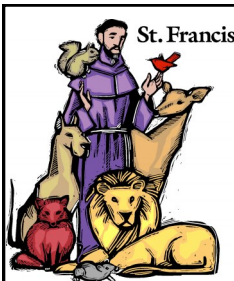
CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

Curves Presentation: On Tuesday, November 14 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Deanna will talk about the benefits of exercise and strength training and help you try some of the machines at 508 Broadway St., Sheboygan Falls. Lunch before at DayDream Café if you wish. Registration is required with Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or maryw@btsje.org.

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.



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.**



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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St. John Evangelist Second Grade Children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in Spring and their parents participated in a County-wide gathering this past Wednesday evening, October 25th, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish in Plymouth. Fr Bob Lotz was invited to speak at this County-wide event and began by thanking the children in attendance and the Parents for continuing to raise their children in the Catholic Faith, a promise that they made when their children were Baptized. Following the first part of the presentation parents continued to listen to and learn from Fr Bob while children viewed a video and learned more about this Sacrament of Forgiveness.

Now that this Introductory large-group Session is over, we will begin to use Religious Education class time to teach these children more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to prepare them for their First Confessions in March. Primary children are at just the right age to open themselves to what Jesus asks of His followers and so they will learn about God's commandments and His forgiving love. In addition, we will read or tell these young students stories found in the Bible about the times and ways Jesus healed and forgave others.

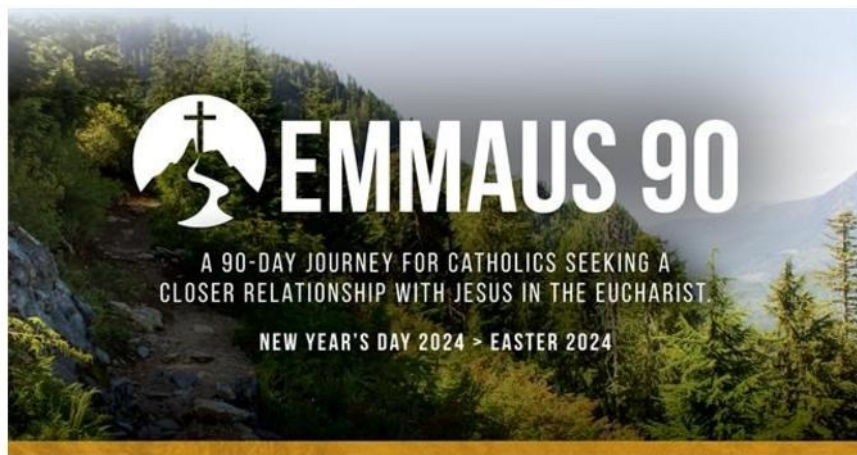
Both the family and the parish have important roles in preparing children for First Reconciliation and we are grateful for the Parents and Catechists who are ready and willing to do so. Please pray for these children and their families and teachers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and also begin to get ready to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus on their First Communion Day, May 5, 2024

~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6



On All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1, at 4:15 PM Fr. Dick Fleischman celebrated Mass at St. John's. Approximately 75 4K - Grade 6 children, their families, parishioners, and guests came together to pray and celebrate this important Holyday of Obligation.





(Luke 24:13-35)

NEW YEARS TO EASTER

90 Days to invite Jesus to draw near, unpack the Scriptures, reveal himself in the Eucharist, and inspire us to go out on mission to others.

**COMMIT TO THE ADVENTURE with the Communities
of St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity**

Emmaus 90 "pilgrims" receive:

- ✓ **daily prayer prompts**
- ✓ **challenges to grow in holiness**
- ✓ **robust formation sessions (by livestream or recording)**
- ✓ **discussion questions for your small group and family**

Registration for Emmaus 90 is required and opens October 17. Register by December 10 to receive your Pilgrim Guidebook before we start January 1. Family Guidebooks are also available. Cost will be \$20/pilgrim or \$40/family. No one will be denied due to financial circumstances, please let us know if you need assistance. For more information and to sign up: www.archmil.org/Emmaus-90.

*****The Catholic Life Center and Eucharistic Revival Committee will be forming small groups for our parishes to watch and discuss the weekly livestream or recording.**

Call Mary at (920) 467-4616, ext. 314 for more information.

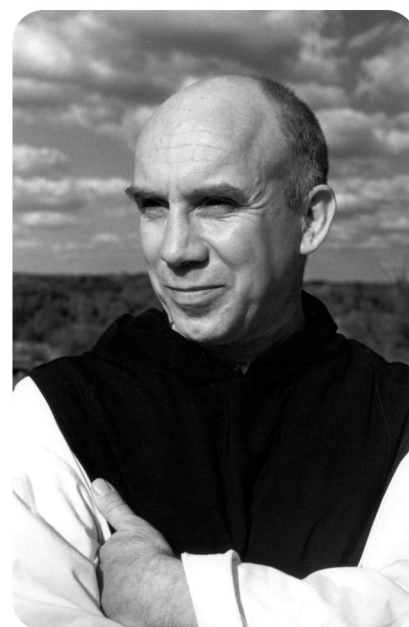
Dear Padre,

I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at Liguori.org. *In My Own Words* is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the *Wisdom* series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. *Daybreaks* for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. *Catholic Update*, a four-page newsletter from Liguori, features in-depth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His *Mere Christianity* is practical and informative. *A Grief Observed* is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's *In Memoriam*. Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation* has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better. ●



Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 1900s

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DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections and prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 6 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 11:29–36 Lk 14:12–14	November 7 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 12:5–16ab Lk 14:15–24	November 8 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 13:8–10 Lk 14:25–33	November 9 <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c– 11, 16–17 Jn 2:13–22	November 10 <i>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> Rom 15:14–21 Lk 16:1–8	November 11 <i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27 Lk 16:9–15	November 12 <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Wis 6:12–16 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 Mt 25:1–13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

People today are attracted by things that are faster and faster: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble?

MEETING WITH BISHOPS OF BRAZIL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 27, 2013