

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



## JUNE 5, 2022 PENTECOST SUNDAY

### 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**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 4	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †William Lane Jr. by Thomas & Diana Kreutz
Saturday	June 4	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Ruth LaCroix by Family
Sunday	June 5	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	June 5	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Ralph & Mary Alice Schleicher by Sandy Jordan, †Lorraine Mata Klich & Jimmy S Klich by Family
Tuesday	June 7	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher
Wednesday	June 8	St. John's	7:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Sandy Tures by Cecilia Bettag & Family
Thursday	June 9	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Morgan Family by Paul & Helen Morgan
Friday	June 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Lloyd Mahloch by Mel & Lorrie Free
Friday	June 10	Prairie Crossing	9:30 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser
Saturday	June 11	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	In Thanksgiving for 70 Years of Marriage for LeRoy & Dorothy Spatz, In Thanksgiving for 59 Years of Marriage for Bob & Linda Guse
Saturday	June 11	St. John's	5:30 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	June 12	St. John's	9:00 am	†Harry & Lorraine Shaw by Shaw Family
Sunday	June 12	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 11.

**FINANCIAL: MAY 28/29:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,278.00.

**JUNE WINE & HOSTS:** In Memory of the Jerome Fuhrmann by Dian Fuhrmann.

## **Caring for our Children.....Helping them Cope with Violence and Tragedy:**



During the past two weeks we have found ourselves mourning the tragic and senseless loss of the young lives in the small rural town of Uvalde in South Texas. We know that events like these impact families, the community, and the nation. Many may experience feelings of anxiety and fear. During and after a tragedy such as this recent school-related one, our thoughts as parents and adults turn to protecting and helping children process and cope with the news.

Here are some suggestions to help and support children in the face of tragedy in the news.:

- *Encourage younger children to seek physical comfort from their parents and relatives. Hugs and hand-holding from parents can provide children with the comfort and security that they need.*
- *Reassure children that you and other responsible adults are there to take care of them and that they are safe in your company.*
- *Express your own feelings of confusion, sadness, and fear, but do so in a way that shows you are relying on prayer and faith to cope during moments that you don't understand.*
- *Children find security in consistency, especially when faced with such unpredictable disasters. Reliance on traditional prayers and forms of prayer such as the Rosary can provide great comfort for children.*
- *Emphasize familiar routines.*
- *Invite (but do not pressure) children to talk about current events if they so wish. This gives them a sense of control and can help them to sort out their feelings.*
- *Children feel powerless in the wake of unpredictable tragedies. Talk about and model peaceful resolutions to conflict as a way of giving children a sense of control in difficult situations.*
- *Keep your perspective and avoid expressing anger and vindictive emotions about violent tragedies. Help children avoid making inappropriate assumptions by using labels based on ethnicity, religious background, etc.*
- *Young people may show signs of stress following tragedies and disasters. Keep an eye open for changes in behavior. Very young children may resort to thumb-sucking, clinging, and isolation from other children. Older children may show signs of irritability, aggression, lack of focus, and other changes in behavior. All of this is natural as they process their anxiety and fear, so show patience with them.*
- *Help children to mourn through prayerful ritual actions, such as lighting candles or ringing a bell for each victim of a tragedy.*
- *Pray together for the victims, their families, for those who were injured, and for all who are suffering.*
- *Select and invite children to read, pray, and reflect on appropriate Bible verses that speak of comfort in times of sorrow.*

While we continue to pray for all those affected by the Uvalde School Shootings and other tragedies, let us also pray for peace, healing and protection within our families, our schools, our community and throughout the world.

Adapted from: "Helping Children to Cope with Tragedy and Violence - Again" by Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press website, 5-25-22; and "When Disaster Strikes: Helping Young Children Cope" by Jane M. Farish, an NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) brochure.

-Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6, [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church! This solemn feast concludes our Easter season. Note that Lent lasts 40 days, but Easter lasts 50 days! We are a Church that feasts more than we fast!! Why? Because Jesus has risen and defeated sin, death and Satan AND He has given us the Holy Spirit so that we can and will participate in His mission to "go and make disciples of all nations." (Mt. 28:18-20) This truly is good news, and so like the disciples in today's first reading from Acts, we are called to proclaim this good news to all nations! In fact, our responsorial psalm 104 reminds us that the "Lord sends out His spirit and renews the face of the earth!"



We, at SJE, are blessed with a beautiful mosaic of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit found on the floor right at the entrance of the Church. Let's pray today, on this great feast, to ask for a greater outpouring of the Spirit in our lives. Ask big and don't limit God to give you the gifts that you need to bring His glory and good news to everyone we encounter. After all, the world is filled with plenty of bad news, let us "be the one" to bring and share "good news" to all whom we know, love, and serve. In Greek, spirit is "pneuma" meaning "breath." We know that physically without breath, we die. We also understand that without God's breath of life, we perish spiritually. So, let our parish not perish from lack of ALL of the Spirit's gifts (Is. 11-1-3) and fruits (Gal 5:22), but pray and then respond with "Come, Holy Spirit and fill me with your love, grace and gifts!" See you at Mass.

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, [teresab@btsje.org](mailto:teresab@btsje.org)

**SAVE THE DATE:** This summer, there will be several special opportunities for all 7-12 graders to continue their spiritual growth with a special class and Mass. Please mark your calendars for the dates below. More information will be given in June.

Saturday, June 25 meeting at 4:15-5:15 pm, with Mass at 5:30 pm

Sunday, July 31 meeting for Mass at 9:00 am, class after from 10:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday, August 13 meeting at 4:15 - 5:15 pm, with Mass at 5:30 pm

**IMPORTANT TRANSITION OFFICE UPDATE:** There are only two weeks left until Fr.



Jonathon joins St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes as our Parish Administrator. Fr. Jonathon plans to reside in the St. John's rectory. Because of this, the Parish Office and Fr. Jonathon's Office will need to be relocated to the church. After much discussion with the Buildings & Grounds Committee, Fr. Joe and Fr. Jonathon, it was determined the following office locations will be the best:

- Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7- 12, and Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6, will be relocated into what was Classroom #1 (the first room on the left as you enter the classroom hallway).
- The Parish Office will relocate into the first office after entering the Religious Education doors. This was Teresa's old office.
- Fr. Jonathon's office will be moved after he arrives and will be located in the second office after entering the Religious Education doors. This is Jeanne's old office.

There is a lot to do and very little time to accomplish it. We ask for patience and understanding as we attempt to get everything moved as painlessly as possible. If you have any questions about the new office arrangements, please call the Parish Office. ~Gretchen Free, Parish Secretary



## LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF JUNE 4/5 & JUNE 11/12

MASSES	Saturday June 4, 5:30 pm	Sunday, June 5, 9:00 am	Saturday, June 11, 5:30 pm	Sunday, June 12, 9:00 am
Lector	Susan Vavra	Melanie Pellegrino	Cate Smith	Erin Meyer
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Mel Free		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	John Debrauske Jim Sarafin Tom Reilly	Mel Free Kevin Smith	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Servers		Sophia Hogan Erin Meyer		Anthony Bustos Anthony Justinger



**BIBLE  
ADVENTURES**

For FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS\*

WEDNESDAYS – JUNE 1, JUNE 8, JUNE 15

3:30 pm to 4:45 pm  
St. John Evangelist Parish

Please register your child/ren and invite a friend of theirs.  
RSVP TO: Jeanne Bitkers, DRE- Grades 4K-Grade 6  
[jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org)  
920-452-9623

Activities will be provided for younger siblings if they need to  
accompany their 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade siblings.

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Emillia Evelyn, daughter of Christopher & Alyssa Girdaukas, was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, May 21. Please keep Emillia and her family in your prayers.



**LOST & FOUND:** Two children's spring jackets were left in the Religious Education wing after classes. One blue floral Lands Ends size small and one neon green fleece Place size 10/12. If they belong to your child, please contact the parish office to pick up. If they are not claimed by June 19, they will be donated.



**Paying Tribute to 21 Lives Lost:** St. John Evangelist Catholic Parish is remembering those killed at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas last week with a display of empty chairs, one for each of the victims, including 19 students and two adults. Please keep these individuals and all those impacted by gun violence in your prayers. ~Bridgitt Zielke, Pastoral Council member

**Parish Secretary Needed:** Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes is seeking a full time Secretary for the Parish Office. The ideal candidate should possess knowledge of Catholic faith, confidence in working with a variety of software programs, excellent communication skills and experience in office equipment. Looking for dependability with willingness to learn. Strong interpersonal and organizational skills are important. Please submit your resume to Marge Ausloos at: [ausloosm@catholicsouthside.com](mailto:ausloosm@catholicsouthside.com).

**ST. ANNE SOCIETY SERVICE AWARD:** A Baccalaureate Breakfast was held May 22nd in the church hall immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, with fifteen graduates and their parents/special guests in attendance. St. Anne Society extends its appreciation to Molly and Rob Holzrichter for serving as Junior Class Chairpersons for the event along with the Junior Class parents and students. We'd also like to thank the St. Anne Society members who decorated the tables for this event. It was a delicious breakfast and a special get-together for everyone.



Four graduates received the St. Anne Service Award this year for dedicated service during their senior year of high school. The recipients were: Anna Baxter, Nicole Roatch, Charlie Roeder, and Natalie Udovich.

All of the graduates in attendance received a gift from St. Anne's consisting of a Caring Cross, palm-sized, carved in Bethlehem out of sustainable Holy Land olive branches. The Baccalaureate Breakfast is a long-standing tradition at St. John's, and is a wonderful faith occasion for celebrating the important milestones of graduation and transition into adult life for parish students.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!  
~Patty Langel, St. Anne Society





### FR. JOE'S FAREWELL GATHERING:

Fr Joe was blessed by 344 Blessed Trinity and St John Evangelist Parishioners at his Farewell Gathering on May 15th at the Village at 170. He was showered with beautiful gifts, well wishes and lots of love. After a delicious lunch, representatives from each of the parishes and the staff spoke about the joy, faith and leadership Fr. Joe has brought to us over the past five years. God has blessed our parish with the gift of Fr Joe; we pray for him and the new parishes he will be leading. God bless you, Fr Joe! ~Deb Hasler, Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council

At Home Mission Week  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 23rd, 2022

Youth from several Sheboygan County Churches working together to provide

**FREE** service to our neighbors in need.

#### Possible projects we will consider

Yard clean up  
Small landscape projects (weeding and mulching)  
Minimal home repairs if safe and approved by committee.  
Washing windows  
Small painting or staining jobs

**If we can be of service to you,  
please contact Lisa Gross at Blessed Trinity Parish.  
Phone 920 - 467 - 4616 ext. 318 or Email [lisa@btsje.org](mailto:lisa@btsje.org)**

\*Number of jobs accepted depends on the number of helping hands we can gather.

## Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others

We need many volunteers both students and adults who wish to serve. If you know of someone interested in serving alongside some very dedicated people, **please contact Lisa Gross. see contact info above.**

Volunteers can work any number of days or hours that fit into their schedule.  
**All help is greatly appreciated, no gift is too big or too small.**



### Wanted! Donations for St. Anne's Tag Sale!

Classroom #8, the first classroom on the right, is now available for drop-offs. We have volunteers to assist, and rolling carts for unloading. (If you are unable to bring donations during the morning schedule, we can arrange a time that works for your schedule.) Tax receipts are available at drop-off in classroom #8. More information is available on handout flyers in the Gathering Space.

**Tag Sale Dates: June 24 and 25**

St. Anne Society Contacts:

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Patty Langel, Vice-Chairperson - [wisconsinpl@aol.com](mailto:wisconsinpl@aol.com) (920) 889-1851  
Anita Voiles, Secretary & Membership Director - [voilesanita@yahoo.com](mailto:voilesanita@yahoo.com)

## **Strategic Plan Update:**

The Pastoral Council and our commissioners have been implementing the St John Evangelist Strategic Plan since January of this year, and we would like to provide an update. St John commissioners meet as a working group once a month to report on plan progress, collaborate on ideas, and share resources to move these strategic items forward. So far, the parish has completed five strategic items. We are currently working on twelve additional items, including "developing of a communication committee", and "identifying and engaging current and potential parishioners in Mass attendance". We have a full list of the strategic items and the stage of each item posted in the Gathering Space.

If you are interested in joining our strategic planning efforts, you may contact Julia Rodemeier at [Julia.Rodemeier@gmail.com](mailto:Julia.Rodemeier@gmail.com) to learn about these opportunities.

## **What is a St John Evangelist Commissioner?**

As part of the strategic planning process, the pastoral council approved a reorganization of the parish committee structure. In alignment with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee guidelines, we have developed four standing commissions: Worship, Formation, Human Concerns and Stewardship, and these commissions serve the purpose of "assist[ing] with the implementation and coordination of pastoral activity in the parish." These are essentially task groups of the Pastoral Council responsible for shepherding the strategic plan items through to completion. Each commission has three co-commissioners: two members from the pastoral council and one non-council parishioner, and each commissioner works with the committees within the commission to support, guide, and identify resources for implementing the strategic goals assigned to those areas. Posted in the Gathering Space are the current committee and commission organizational structure, current commissioners and contacts, and the strategic plan outlining the plan items under each commission. If you are interested in becoming a St John Evangelist Commissioner, please contact Julia Rodemeier ([julia.rodemeier@gmail.com](mailto:julia.rodemeier@gmail.com))

## **The Time and Talent Update:**

In an effort to track all the wonderful work our parishioners are engaged in or are interested in doing, we launched the Time and Talent survey in February of this year. So far, 101 of you have submitted your surveys, and I would like to extend a huge "thank you" for those who completed the survey. This, however, accounts for only 18% of our parish.

We are not asking parishioners to contribute more time than they do, but we are asking that you indicate what you currently do and let us know if you are interested in participating in other ways. This is not a commitment to service but will allow us to target invitations for upcoming projects and service opportunities for a more effective communication and engagement. We have already used this information to send targeted requests for help with parish mailings, to identify new lectors, and to identify those wishing to be part of our prayer ministry.

We will continue to accept surveys and if you have not already completed one, we ask that you take five minutes to do so. Surveys are located in the Gathering Space or can be completed online (<https://forms.gle/1b8xihBDgiToYv9A>)

~Julia Rodemeier, Strategic Planning Committee

# CLC Calendar – June/July 2022



- June 5 - **Ballroom Dancing**, 5:00-6:00 pm, CLCG
- June 7 - **Seated Chair Exercise**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 7 - **CLC Committee Meeting**, 6:30-7:30 pm, CLC-PMR
- June 8 - Summer Concert Series at River Park, Sheboygan Falls, 6:00-8:00 pm
- June 12 - **The Search**, Episode 2, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- June 12 - **Ballroom Dancing**, 5:00-6:00 pm, CLCG
- June 13 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- June 14 - **Estate Planning**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 15 - **Luau Potluck**, 12:00-1:15 pm, CLC-MR
- June 15 - Movie Matinee, 1:30-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- June 16 - Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- June 19 - **Ballroom Dancing**, 5:00-6:00 pm, CLCG
- June 21 - **Health and Wellness Discussion**, Topic: Healthy Food, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- June 22 - Summer Concert Series at River Park, Sheboygan Falls, 6:00-8:00 pm
- June 26 - **Ballroom Dancing**, 5:00-6:00 pm, CLCG
- June 27 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- June 28 - **Seated Chair Exercise**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 11 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 12 - **Health and Wellness Discussion**, Topic: **Crafts**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 13 - **Christmas in July Potluck** with movie after, 12:00-1:30 pm, CLC-MR
- July 17 - **The Search**, Episode 3, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- July 19 - **Diabetes**, presented by Prevea, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 20 - **Faith Based Series**, TBA, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 21 - Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 25 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 26 - **Seated Chair Exercise**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 27 - **Faith Based Series**, TBA, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR

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

## Save the Dates!



- \*\*Christmas in July Potluck** – Wednesday, July 13 from 12:00-1:15, CLC-MR  
Followed by the Christmas movie “Paper Angels”, Sign up for food needed.
- \*\*Enrich Your Sunday** – Sunday, July 17 after Mass, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space  
**The Search Episode 3 – Why a God?** Join us for an enlightening Formed.org video.
- \*\*Diabetes Presentation** by Michelle Schmitz, RD, CD, CDCES from Prevea  
Tuesday, July 19 from 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC-MR
- \*\*Faith Based Series** – TBA, Wednesdays, starting July 20, 10:00-11:00 am
- \*\*Information on Medicare Open Enrollment** – Tuesday, September 13, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- \*\*Please register with Mary** at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



# Dear Padre,

**My priest talks about the need for Catholics to “deepen our conversion.” I’m already Catholic. What else is there to convert to?**

**O**ften, we think of conversion as something that happens only when someone joins the Catholic Church. But the word *conversion* has several meanings. As used by priests, it means to enter more deeply into a life of faith. As Catholics, we are called to continual conversion through everyday gestures

of following Christ (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1435).

I have a non-Catholic friend who inscribed the date she accepted Christ on her Bible. I could write “January 8, 1962” on my Bible because that’s the date of my baptism, the day I was saved. At baptism I received the grace to convert daily after I became old enough to do so on my own.

But my conversion isn’t something that happened once in the past. It wasn’t the last sacrament I received. It was the first sacrament I received as

I began my faith journey. We deepen our faith and continue our conversion as we live the sacramental life of the Church. “Christ’s call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church” (CCC 1428).

This is seen clearly through the sacraments of the Eucharist and penance. The Eucharist is something Catholics participate in weekly, and most Catholics take part in the sacrament of penance at least once a year. Why? Because we want to deepen our conversion.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR*  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*This is conversion, changing mentality—and changing life: no longer following the examples of the world but those of God, who is Jesus; following Jesus; doing as Jesus had done, and as Jesus taught us. It is a decisive change of view and attitude.*

ANGELUS, JANUARY 24, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 6

*The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church*

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or

Acts 1:12–14

Jn 19:25–34

### Tuesday

JUNE 7

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:7–16

Mt 5:13–16

### Wednesday

JUNE 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20–39

Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

JUNE 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:41–46

Mt 5:20–26

### Friday

JUNE 10

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–16

Mt 5:27–32

### Saturday

JUNE 11

*St. Barnabas, Apostle*

Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3

Mt 5:33–37

### Sunday

JUNE 12

*The Most Holy Trinity*

Prv 8:22–31

Rom 5:1–5

Jn 16:12–15

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