

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 3, 2022 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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	July 2	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Russell McCoy by Evonne
Saturday	July 2	St. John's	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	July 3	St. John's	9:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family
Sunday	July 3	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher, †Judy Kelley by Kelley Family
Tuesday	July 5	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Gordon Rammer Jr. by LuAnne Immel & Rick Rammer, In Thanksgiving for Fr. Zach Weber's 5th Year of Ordination by Mark & Elly Weber
Wednesday	July 6	St. John's	7:00 am	†Morris & Ruth Swenson by K & S Schmeling
Thursday	July 7	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Louis & Jeanette Weisse by Donna Plageman
Friday	July 8	St. John's	7:00 am	†William Hoell by Shirley & Family
Friday	July 8	Prairie Crossing	9:30 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser
Saturday	July 9	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Mary Lou O'Neill by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Lucille Micoliczyk
Saturday	July 9	St. John's	5:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Everly Family by Pellegrino Family
Sunday	July 10	St. John's	9:00 am	Living and Deceased Member of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	July 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

I AM SENDING YOU OUT AS  LAMBS IN THE MIDST OF  WOLVES.
Luke 10:3, ESV

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 9.

JULY WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of the Hoell Family by Shirley Hoell.

FINANCIAL: JUNE 25/26: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,074.91.



From Father Schmeckel:

Happy Sunday!

First, I want to say thank you for the kindness you have all shown me in many ways during my first couple of days at Saint John and Blessed Trinity! It means a lot to me.

As I'm sure you've already heard lots of talk about the Supreme Court's decision regarding the Dobbs case and Roe v. Wade. Here is Archbishop ListECKI's statement, which I fully-heartedly support:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5)

As a Church that advances the Culture of Life and as members of a civil society, we welcome the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Dobbs case.

While no doubt we all feel a renewed hope for the future, let us also remember that our struggle to preserve the sanctity of human life is only just beginning. Abortion laws now return to the individual states. Our challenge is to continue to promote that human life begins at conception and needs to be protected at all times.

The Church will continue to support all women — especially those experiencing unplanned pregnancies where abortion seems like the only or easy solution — by providing the spiritual, emotional and financial support necessary through our parishes, support networks and pregnancy centers.

I appeal to all in our society to work together to make the thought of abortion not only unthinkable, but also unnecessary.

More than 63 million children lost their lives to the scourge of abortion. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace."

On another topic, the US Bishops have announced a Eucharistic Revival, a three-year celebration and focus on teaching on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This will be an important way for us to teach about the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist and its importance in our lives. More information to come!



Summer Reading with Father Schmeckel:

Want to get to know our new priest and dive into an easy read on peace of heart? Join Fr. Schmeckel in reading and discussing Searching for and Maintaining Peace by Jacques Philippe, this summer. Beginning July 20 and going through August 31, join Fr. Schmeckel on Wednesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 am at St John's OR 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Blessed Trinity. Book cost is \$11.00. To reserve your copy, please contact Lynn Walvoort at lynn@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, ext. 302.

FAMILY MASS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

St. John Evangelist Parish Religious Education Families, Catechists and Friends are invited to a Summer Mass on



Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 pm. Come to pray; meet, greet and welcome our new priest, Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel; and enjoy eating ice cream and visiting with families after the Mass concludes. We need several Adult and/or Teen volunteers to help with the Ice Cream Social. (Set up, Serve Ice Cream Sandwiches, Clean-up). Please call the parish office 920-452-9623 to volunteer. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

In some way, all of today's readings deal with people who know that they are of God. While the cost of discipleship is high, they, like our psalm response, cry out to God with joy! (Ps. 66) Last week, our Religious Education program sponsored Sr. Mary Teresa at our first "Class before Mass." Her talk was titled "Christianity in 60 minutes" (since that was the length of our class!). She explained a lot about our faith, told many stories and had a lot of great slides, but perhaps the greatest point was her recalling the most important decision of her life. Rather than answering her vocational call, it was her decision to earnestly pray daily! This begs the question, how is your prayer life? The best definition that I have heard for prayer is one by Dr. Ralph Martin that simply says it means to "pay attention." By slowing down and taking the time to notice God in ALL things, our life truly does become a prayer. We learn God's will by spending time in His presence. The key to knowing God's heart is to have a living, loving relationship with Him. A personal relationship. For years, I have said that another way to spell "love" is T-I-M-E. In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are given their instructions for ministry. We are His disciples and here and now, we are all called to serve for "the kingdom of God is at hand." (Lk. 17:20) Prayer is the nerve that moves the hand of God....maybe that is what this line from Luke is really all about. Let's put our hands together in prayer and service of others, for we have much work to do, but God is with us and within us, so be not afraid! See you at Mass.

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsje.org



Summertime Reading: Sharing the Bible with Children:

During these summer months while you are developing the habit of reading many types of stories with children, consider ways to include Bible stories with them as well. Just as we tell and retell family stories from year to year, so too we can and should read and reread Scriptures and pass on these stories from generation to generation. Tales that are found in the Bible help both listeners and readers learn about God's Living Word.



The stories from the Gospels (the New Testament) that are about Jesus are especially appropriate. Many fine Children's Bibles are available, and many of these stories have been adapted for children in storybook formats. (These books make good gifts for young children and those who are older as well.)

When reading these stories, be sure that children know they came from the Bible, God's Holy Book. Keeping a Bible in your home and showing reverence for God's word as you handle it and as you speak the words of Scripture will also help children understand the importance of God's Word.

Parents and others who read Bible stories to and with children can also help them appreciate God's mercy and love and learn more about the life that Jesus lived here on earth. In addition, many of the stories and people in the Bible are interesting and exciting, and children enjoy hearing or reading about their adventures and their accomplishments.

When you have finished reading a Bible story, take a few minutes to talk about it with your children. You might make connections between your family's experiences and those of the people in the Bible or talk about with it might have been like to be a person in the story. Another way to reflect on the story is to ask your children to retell it to you in their own words. In addition, craft projects or artwork using the story themes can be good follow-up activities for rainy days or quiet times. You can find many creative, age-appropriate suggestions on-line. If you begin doing this in July, your children will have a better understanding of some of the contents of the Bible by the time school begins again. An accomplishment in and of itself!

May you, your family, and your loved ones enjoy this Holiday Weekend. As we celebrate this Independence Day, we thank God for all that has been achieved and ask God's help and guidance as we work to accomplish all that remains to be done.

Adapted from "Catholic Resources". Loyola Press, 2020 on-line.

-Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6, jeanne@btsje.org

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF JULY 2/3 & JULY 9/10

MASSES	Saturday July 2, 5:30 pm	Sunday, July 3, 9:00 am	Saturday, July 9, 5:30 pm	Sunday, July 10, 9:00 am
Lector	Susan Vavra	Diane Hart	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	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi
Servers		Sophia Hogan Magnus Avery		Leighton Meyer Isla Avery

Faith: The Next Generation – Pass It On!:

Travel where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith!



This fall, more than 20 First and Second Grade children will come to St. John's on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 PM TO 5:15 PM to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. At this time, we need two or more Religious Education Teachers/Catechists to work with them.

You can help by volunteering to work with these 6-7-8 year olds and/or their parents. As you nurture the faith of these First or Second Grade children you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time Teacher/Catechist said, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin in mid-September. If interested or for more information, contact Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6, jeanne@btsje.org. 920-452-9623 ext. 220.

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN: Safe environment education training sessions have returned to in person sessions with limited online sessions offered. Safe environment education training session information can be found by going to: : <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm> to view a list of available dates and to register. All staff and volunteers who will work with or have contact with children under the age of 18 years old, must attend a Safeguarding class. This class only needs to be taken once. Any questions? Please contact the parish office at stjohnnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: On **Monday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. All emails and voicemails will be returned on Tuesday. If there is an emergency, please call 920-287-8235.

PASTORAL COUNCIL 2nd ANNUAL BREWER GAME TRIP:



On **Sunday, August 7**, join your fellow Brewer fans for a fun-filled day at American Family Field when the Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds. The cost is \$50.00 per person which includes the bus ride, parking, bleacher seats ticket (in the shade) and lunch (Jimmy John's sub and a Pepsi soft drink). There will also be a special surprise gift at the end. To reserve a spot, please contact the Parish Office at stjohnnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623 or Tom Reilly at treilly53044@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and number of people by Friday, July 15. Tom needs to secure the tickets by that date. All payments must be turned into the Parish Office. Please write checks to St. John Evangelist Parish and put "Brewer game" on the memo line. You can also drop your check and information in the collection basket at Mass. Any questions? Please contact Tom Reilly (email and phone information above). Hope to see you there!

COAT FOUND: A Blue and White polka dot Cherokee raincoat size M (7/8) was left in the Gathering Space in the last week. If it is yours, please contact the office to retrieve it. If it is still here after Friday, July 2, it will be donated.

2022 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:

The 2022 Catholic Stewardship Campaign began in February. To date, St. John Evangelist Parishioners have donated \$26,520.00. This is 75.36% of our goal of \$35,190.00. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.



ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH DAY FIRE ON THE HILL

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 1st, 2022

Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill





CLC Calendar – July/August 2022



- 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, 12:00-1:15 pm, CLC-MR
- July 13 - Movie Matinee, **Paper Angels**, 1:30-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 17 - **The Search**, Episode 3, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- July 19 - **Diabetes**, presented by a dietitian from Prevea, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 20 - **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**, Episode 1, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 20 - Summer Reading with Fr. Schmeckel, 8:00-9:00 am, SJE/7:00-8:00 pm, 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 - **Chair Exercise**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 27 - **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**, Episode 2, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 27 - Summer Reading with Fr. Schmeckel, 8:00-9:00 am, SJE/7:00-8:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 2 - **Chair Exercise**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- August 2 - **CLC Committee Meeting**, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE, LLMR
- August 3 - **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist**, Episode 3, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- August 3 - Summer Reading with Fr. Schmeckel, 8:00-9:00 am, SJE/7:00-8:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 7 - Second SJE Annual Brewer Game Trip
- August 8 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 10 - Summer Reading with Fr. Schmeckel, 8:00-9:00 am, SJE/7:00-8:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 17 - Summer Reading with Fr. Schmeckel, 8:00-9:00 am, SJE/7:00-8:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 18 - Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 21 - Blessed Trinity's Summer Parish Festival
- August 22 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 24 - Summer Reading with Fr. Schmeckel, 8:00-9:00 am, SJE/7:00-8:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 31 - Summer Reading with Fr. Schmeckel, 8:00-9:00 am, SJE/7:00-8:00 pm, 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!



- **Medicare Open Enrollment** – Tuesday, September 13, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- **Osteoporosis/Arthritis** – TBA on a Tuesday in fall, Prevea speaker, lunch included.
- **The Search** – to be continued Sunday morning after Mass at SJE on September 18.
- **Please register for all programs with Mary** at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Dear Padre,

Why should I have my baby baptized?

Some parents pondering baptism say a child should mature first, then choose his or her religion. Yet, parents make many choices for their children—including name, diet, bedtime, and education. To forgo baptism means to choose a nonreligious outlook on life for your child. Indeed, objection to baptism can be a veiled statement about the parents' disregard for religion.

Baptism confers many benefits. First, it cleanses the soul of original sin. Scripture says Adam and Eve relinquished their God-centeredness, instead adopting a self-centered attitude. They thought of themselves as the center

of the universe. Such self-delusion is the origin of all sins. Baptism reverses this, with God telling the child he is loved and regarding him like his own Son, Jesus. Baptismal waters immerse the child into the depths of God's love.

Second, baptism begins a new life of loving response to God's love. Of course,

infants don't understand this during baptism. Children learn it from religious training and their parents' example. The sacraments aid us in living this life of love, especially the Eucharist in which Christ comes to us as bread and wine to nourish us with his love. As parents give a child her very existence, through baptism they set her on course toward eternal life.

Finally, baptism makes the recipient a member of Christ's body, the Church. The child, along with other Church members and guided by ordained pastors, will speak for Christ in society. What parent doesn't want the best for his or her child? Through baptism, God also wants the best for them.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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Calendar

Monday

JULY 4

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

JULY 5

Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

JULY 6

Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

JULY 7

Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9

Mt 10:7-15

Friday

JULY 8

Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

JULY 9

Weekday

Is 6:1-8

Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

JULY 10

Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Babies] have a "choral" dimension: it is enough for one of them to start to "sing" and everyone follows and there will be a concert. Do not be alarmed. It is a beautiful homily when a baby cries in church....Make sure that they are all right and let us move forward.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO NEWBORNS, JANUARY 12, 2020



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years of ministry
throughout 2022.

Follow progress toward our
October 23 anniversary date
in *Liguorian* magazine and
at Liguori.org.