

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 10, 2022 FIFTEENTH 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

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| Saturday | July 9 | Blessed Trinity | 4:00 pm | †Mary Lou O'Neill by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Lucille Micolczyk |
| 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 | Special Intention for Georgiana & Bill McGinnis, Living and Deceased Member of the LaRon Mischock Family |
| Sunday | July 10 | Blessed Trinity | 10:30 am | Mass for Parishioners |
| Tuesday | July 12 | Blessed Trinity | 9:00 am | †Carol Schuessler by Dottie Diedrich |
| Wednesday | July 13 | St. John's | 7:00 am | †Alan & Michelle Lage by Teresa & Mark Bettag |
| Thursday | July 14 | Blessed Trinity | 9:00 am | †Theresa Weber by Family |
| Friday | July 15 | St. John's | 7:00 am | †Edward, Alice, & Ed Waldoch by Chuck & Jane Waldoch |
| Saturday | July 16 | Blessed Trinity | 4:00 pm | †Claude & Verdayne Meyer by Lynn Erbstoesser, †Staci Kelley by Kelley Family |
| Saturday | July 16 | St. John's | 5:30 pm | Mass for Parishioners |
| Sunday | July 17 | St. John's | 9:00 am | †Alma Helm by Tom & Rita Gast, †Lu Giefer & Kevin Messner |
| Sunday | July 17 | Blessed Trinity | 10:30 am | †Nora Salata by Norbert & Adeline Haen, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family |

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at
3:00 pm on Saturday, July 16.

FINANCIAL: JULY 2/3: Collection:
(contribution envelopes, electronic giving and
loose offering): \$8,678.00.





From Father Schmeckel:

This week the Church celebrates a number of wonderful Saints – some of whom are among my favorites!

On July 11, we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Benedict. Saint Benedict was a monk who lived from (about) 480 through 550. He is among my favorite saints and one whose intercession I ask for every day in my prayer. Saint Benedict went to Rome for studies and was greatly troubled by the lavish and distinctly un-Christian lifestyle and culture there. Instead, he ended up living a life of prayer and penance alone in a cave in the Italian mountains for three years. Slowly, word of his holiness of life began to spread, and men from the area would come to him for advice and wanting to join his life of prayer, penance and work. Eventually, Benedict began to found monasteries and wrote a Rule of Life to help organize the daily life and governance of his monasteries. He is considered the founder of monasticism in the Western Church.

Furthermore, Saint Benedict is credited with “saving Western civilization” and even Europe itself. While many parts of Europe seemed to be going wayward in both a religious and secular sense, the Benedictine monks preserved ancient Biblical, philosophical and important texts. While the rest of the world was looking for luxury and lavishness, the monks prayed every day, diligently did their daily manual labor or tasks, and grew in love for God and their fellow monks. Their example is important for us today. It might be easy for us today to think the world is going a little crazy, but our response is the same as these mysterious monks of the sixth century. We should make our homes into “little monasteries” – places where we pray together as a family every day, we do our work and chores with diligence, and we day-by-day increase our love for God and for our family members. We ask Saint Benedict to pray for us that we can center our lives on our “work and prayer” as he taught his monks.

We also celebrate Saint Kateri Tekakwitha on July 14. She was a Native American woman who was moved by the preaching and evangelical efforts of the Jesuits throughout New York and parts of Canada. She dedicated herself to a life of prayer and charity. She died around the age of 24. I find her inspiring in many ways for her zeal and urgency for the Christian faith. Also, as she died remarkably young, it reminds us that each of us are called to be saints – whether we are young or old, rich or poor, geniuses or just getting by. Each of us is called to be a Saint like Kateri or Benedict!

(Also, her name “Tekakwitha” apparently means “she who bumps into things”. This is a great consolation to me, as I often find myself clumsier and less graceful than I wish!)

Let us ask the great saints we celebrate this week to intercede for us to join them in heaven one day!

Know of my prayers for you and your families! Pray for me, too!



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

On this 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we find ourselves in the thick of our summertime leisure, relaxation and vacations. In our readings at Mass today, God reminds us that our faith life can never take a vacation. In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the people "if only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul." Then in our second reading today, in 2Col.1:15-20, St. Paul proclaims that "Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.....He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church." And then in the Gospel of Luke today we hear the familiar story of the Good Samaritan that illustrates selfless love for others, no matter what. Is our faith demanding? Yes, you bet! Does the Church provide guidance and direction? Yes, for sure! We are blessed to have the sacraments; the Bible; prayers and devotions; the communion of saints; the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and God's overwhelming love, forgiveness and mercy! Thank goodness that God never takes a vacation from us, so let's not take a vacation from Him. After all, if you want to be a really good samariTAN this summer....try Son-bathing! See you at Mass!

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



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 or 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!*



CLASS BEFORE MASS:

You're Invited! Sunday, July 24 with Mass at 9:00 am and "class" from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Church basement. Our speaker will be Sr. Mary Teresa, a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity! Sr. is a theology teacher and Cross-country and track coach at Yuma Catholic High School in Yuma, AZ. She will be discussing Soul 101, so you don't want to miss her presentation! All are welcome.

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.

5 Ways to Pray...A Balanced Prayer Life:

Jesus is the greatest example of living a faithful life dedicated to God. He learned to pray at home from his parents, particularly from his mother, Mary. She prayerfully listened and pondered in her heart every encounter, teaching and lesson of faith. We learn to pray in our families, through religious education and at Mass. Traditionally, Catholic prayer includes blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. Take some time to think about what kinds of prayers you and your families and loved ones pray and then consider adding one or more "new ways" from the list below:



1. **Blessing and adoration** - Prayers of adoration, like those seen in the Scriptures with the visit of the shepherds and wise men to the infant Jesus, teach us to worship. Worship is a fitting response to believing in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We adore Jesus in word, song, silence and even action, especially in the Mass.
2. **Petition or Contrition** - Contrition means to be sorry for things we did or failed to do that have hurt our relationship with God. Acknowledging wrong choices takes courage. Forgiveness is the heart of Jesus' teaching. You might pray the "Our Father" that includes a request for the forgiveness of our sins, and/or do an Examination of Conscience and then offer a general prayer asking God's forgiveness.
3. **Intercession** - Intercession is simply asking. This type of prayer helps us to put aside our desires and trust in the goodness of the Lord. There are many things we probably wish God would give or do for our families, our loved ones, or ourselves. Asking for help requires humility. This means that, no matter what we want, the answer is always up to God, who is all-knowing and will assure we get what is best for us. You might keep a list of your prayer intentions on the refrigerator, or in some other public place. Try to think of a broad range of intercessory prayers: for members of your family, friends and neighbors, community members, the sick and poor and lonely, those affected by conflict or unjust situations, the Church, and political leaders and pray these intercessory prayers in the responsorial style used during Mass: "For (intention), let us pray to the Lord; Lord, hear our prayer".
4. **Thanksgiving** - How often do we remember that everything we have comes from God? Prayer of thanksgiving flows from this recognition. Nurturing an "attitude of gratitude" helps us see everything as gift—even our sorrows and suffering. Try praying an individual or family litany of thanks or keep a gratitude journal or a wall poster for posting "thankful thoughts".
5. **Praise** - Praise is a movement of the heart that recognizes God for who he is and not for what God does for us. We can praise by simply reflecting on, and smiling at, how truly good God is. Prayer of praise simply gives God glory for his own sake, simply because GOD IS. You might sing or listen to songs of praise, alone or with others, while in the car or around the house, letting your spirit express the words of the song.

Today and every day we can put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us, our families and our loved ones during these wonderful months of summer. Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th at 6:00 PM.** for Mass and the Ice Cream Sandwich Social after Mass to pray with, meet and welcome Fr. Schmeckel, our new Priest! Hoping to see you then...

Adapted from: Gringas, A., Windley-Daoust, J. "Five Ways to Pray: A Balanced Diet". Our Sunday Visitor, July, 2022 on-line.

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF JULY 9/10 & JULY 16/17

| MASSES | Saturday July 9, 5:30 pm | Sunday, July 10, 9:00 am | Saturday, July 16, 5:30 pm | Sunday, July 17, 9:00 am |
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| Lector | Cate Smith | Erin Meyer | Carter Udovich | Susan Vavra |
| Lay Distributors of Holy Communion | | Ken Udovich | | Connie Katchkey |
| Ushers | Mel Free Kevin Smith | Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos | Bill Rutten Ken Udovich | Peter Guske Steve O'Neil |
| Sacristan | Diane Torke | Nick Cinquepalmi | Diane Torke | Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil |
| Servers | | Leighton Meyer Isla Avery | | Nadia Magle Sophia Hogan |

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!

Catholic Life Center:

Diabetes Presentation: We will have a Dietician, Michelle Schmitz, RD, CD, CDCES, from Prevea provide information and answer questions about diabetes and its prevention on **July 19 from 10:00-11:00 am** in the Catholic Life Center Assembly Room. Sign up by **12:00 pm Monday, July 11th** to get a free lunch from Prevea!

WALK THE WALK: Walk the Walk at the Catholic Life Center gym is taking a break for the months of July and August. But you can still be part of our Walking Challenge! Sign up and send your weekly miles walked from **July 10** through **August 27** to Mary at maryw@btsje.org or call 920-467-4616, ext. 314. All miles need to be emailed or called in by **August 31**. Prize for most miles achieved to be given on September 6 when Walk the Walk resumes.

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 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)

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 continue to ask all parishioners to complete the Time and Talent survey. 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 invitations to engage. 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. Surveys are located in the Gathering Space or can be completed online (<https://forms.gle/1b8xiihBDgiToYv9A>) Thank you. Please contact Julia Rodemeier (julia.rodemeier@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

~Julia Rodemeier, Strategic Planning Committee

BLESSED TRINITY FESTIVAL

Come Celebrate Summer With Us!

ACTIVITIES!

FREE Bingo
Famous Cake Walk
50/50 Raffle
Cornhole
Dunk Tank
Popular "Balloon Lady"
Games for All Ages



MUSIC!

Ryan Kautzer Band Polka Music from noon – 1:30 pm
Bella Musik Classic Easy Listening from 1:30 – 3:30 pm

FOOD!

Brats, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Sides, DESSERTS!
Yes, beer too – plus soda and bottled water
And LOTS OF FOOD!!



Sunday, August 21

FESTIVAL Noon to 3:30 pm

POLKA MASS 10:30 to 11:30

319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls

Ryan Kautzer
Polka Band



Bella Musik
Easy Listening



PLEASE
JOIN US!

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

SEE YOU
THERE!

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; one woman and one man leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion (see Canons 872–874). *Godparent* isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role of trust in the child's faith life.

We grow in trust for someone via a gradual process of getting to know that person: being introduced, spending time together, talking to one another, learning about each other, and being generous with one another.

That's how trust in Jesus develops. Parents and godparents introduce us to him, teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. We learn from the parish, the Catholic school, and our *Catechism*. It's a gradual process of getting to know Jesus that leads us to trust him and have faith in him.

At baptism, the priest or deacon lights a candle from the large Easter candle. In many parishes, the candle is passed first to the godfather. "Receive the light of Christ," says the priest. The godfather passes it to the godmother, who passes it to the mother, who hands it to the father to hold for the child. That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to their child.

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



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Calendar

Monday

JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Is 1:10–17

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 12

Weekday

Is 7:1–9

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 13

Weekday

Is 10:5–7, 13b–16

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin

Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 16

Weekday

Mi 2:1–5

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 17

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1–10a

Col 1:24–28

Lk 10:38–42



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is the duty of the parents, together with the godfathers and godmothers, to take care to nurture the flame of baptismal grace in their little ones, helping them persevere in the faith. Children have the right to Christian formation, which "seeks to lead them gradually to learn God's plan in Christ."

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