

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 24, 2022 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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Fr. Schmeckel's

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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 23	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Marian Gilsdorf by Family, Deceased Members of Markgraf Family by Paul & Helen Morgan
Saturday	July 23	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Lauer & Underhill Families by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Sunday	July 24	St. John's	9:00 am	†RJ Jones by K & S Schmeling
Sunday	July 24	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	July 26	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Paul Van Treeck by Ken & Barbara Richter
Wednesday	July 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Mike Zehel by Donna Stieghorst
Thursday	July 28	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Joint Catholic Life Center Committee
Friday	July 29	St. John's	7:00 am	†Hank, Jenny, & Leo Adamczyk by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Saturday	July 30	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Donna Dicke by Pauline Dicke
Saturday	July 30	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Herbert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	July 31	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	July 31	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter, †Paul Reiter by Richard & Ken Schmeling

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 30.

FINANCIAL: JULY 16/17: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,480.00.





From Father Schmeckel:

You may have heard that the United States Catholic Bishops have called for a **Eucharistic Revival**. In doing so, they are calling upon all Catholics to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist – through the Mass, through Eucharistic adoration, and other devotions to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Surveys have shown that an alarming number of Catholics do not believe what the Church professes to be true about the Eucharist; equally alarming is the number of Catholics who do not even know *what* the Church teaches about the Eucharist.

This Eucharistic Revival, a three-year movement, is partly a response to this. It will help **set our hearts on fire with love for the Eucharist**. Set us on fire to bring the Good News of Jesus, His Presence, and the Eucharist into the world. During these next three years, we will have a renewed focus on the Mass in our catechesis (religious education) and formation at all age levels. There are lots of opportunities for our parishes to connect with this movement! More information to come.

As we look forward to growing in our love of Jesus in the Eucharist and at Mass, I'd like to share a little of my personal story about how Mass and Eucharistic adoration impacted my vocation as a priest. I did not grow up in a very Catholic family, but my grandmother especially impressed the faith upon me from my earliest years. When I was in college, however, I very quickly found myself attending Mass every day of the week. I'm not sure how it happened, but it did. Every day, I had those 30 minutes to take a break from school and work, stop from all the worries and cares, and be with God. To this day, I am convinced that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist day in and day out for those years was essential to realizing God's love for me. After seeing me at Mass every day, my pastor in college first invited me to consider the priesthood. What a road the Eucharist has taken me down!

Throughout all the many changes in my own life and in the world, I look back and realize that the Eucharist remains the same. In college, in seminary, and as a priest, spending an hour in adoration every day has been the hallmark of perseverance through highs and lows, good times and bad.

Imagine what Jesus can do in our lives if we spend a few minutes with Him every week in the Blessed Sacrament!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today's readings on this 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time are some of my favorites. The one from Genesis, where Abraham bargains with God is a wonderful example of dialogue! In fact, did you know that the Greek origin of "dialogue" comes from "dia" meaning "through" and "logos" meaning "word/reason/order/God" so truly dialogue can be a "flow of meaning" or "through God!" So we see Abraham pleading with God to spare the innocent. In the Gospel, we see Luke's version of the "Our Father" where Jesus teaches his disciples to pray by asking. Oftentimes I am guilty of limiting God. However, one Lent, many years ago, I decided to "ask big!" To me this stood for "Ask=**A**sk, **S**eek, **K**nock" and "Big=**B**elieve In **G**od." This deep down, confident belief that God is God and I am not, changed everything! Now I know more than ever, that God is in charge and that He loves me and so, like Blessed Solanus Casey, I thank Him in advance for all of the many ways that He blesses my life! Thomas Merton, a 20th century Trappist monk said that "prayer is not only dialogue with God: it is the communion of our freedom with God's ultimate freedom, God's infinite spirit." And finally, there is a quote from Blessed Fulton Sheen that says, "You were made for perfect happiness. That is your purpose. No wonder everything short of God disappoints you." Don't believe this? Go and ask God! Then prepare to be amazed, for He is "our Father" who loves and cares for His children! See you at Mass.



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

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND SENIORS:

This weekend we celebrate the Second World Day for Grandparents and Seniors that Pope Francis established last year. He selected this Fourth Sunday of July because it's near the July 26th Memorial of Saints Joachim and St. Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus. This is the day when Catholics celebrate the couple who raised Mary to be the mother of Jesus. It was their love and faith that prepared their daughter to say her "yes" to the Angel Gabriel when he asked if she would bear the Son of God, so it's fitting that the Pope has called us to celebrate Grandparents and Seniors at this time.



Grandparents hold a special place in the lives of their grandchildren, and this unique connection gives them the opportunity to impact the lives of these children and others in a positive and long-lasting way. Freed from the responsibilities of day-to-day parenting and work, older adults can give the gift of time and attention and with, the experience of years, can continue to encourage grandchildren and others to know and appreciate our Catholic Faith, to develop new skills or talents and share them with others, and to make important life decisions wisely. As Pope John Paul II pointed out, they can "bridge generation gaps before they are made."

This weekend we remember, celebrate, and give thanks for Grandparents and Senior adults who have played an important role in our lives. We remember with joy the time spent together doing simple things like fishing, doing a puzzle, baking cookies, taking a walk, reading a story, learn about the wonder of nature, and praying or going to Church with them. We are thankful for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspired us to work hard, be patient, courageously endure hard times and to dare to follow our dreams. We are grateful for the wisdom, stability, and example they set, and we remember their hugs and the warmth of their smiles and love for us. Using the words written by "The Center for Mission and Identity at Xavier University" we pray:

God of love, We thank you for our wonderful Grandparents and Senior adults who touch our lives. They bring such joy and happiness. Thank you for all the special times that we have with them. Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now. May they know your goodness and love always. Amen

Adapted from: Jesuitresource.org The Center for Mission and Identity at Xavier and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Blessings of Grandparents, 2021. English Translation: Dicastero per la Comunicazione - Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

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



CLASS AFTER MASS:

You're Invited! THIS 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.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

From Monday, July 25 at noon until Monday, August 1 at noon. If there is an emergency, please contact Fr. Schmeckel at 920-287-8235. All emails and voicemails will be returned as soon as possible after August 1.

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF JULY 23/24 & JULY 30/31

MASSES	Saturday, July 23, 5:30 pm	Sunday, July 24, 9:00 am	Saturday, July 30, 5:30 pm	Sunday, July 31, 9:00 am
Lector	Bill Moffatt	Steve O'Neil	Susan Vavra	Erin Meyer
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Clyde or Sharon Kometer		Nick Cinquepalmi
Ushers	Kevin Smith Mel Free	John Multer Carson Bishop	Kevin Smith Ken Udovich	Rob Holzrichter Aaron Justinger
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi

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>. **There will be an in person Safeguarding class held at Blessed Trinity on Wednesday, August 17 at 6:00 pm in the Catholic Life Center. Pre-register on the Archdiocesan website.** 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 stjohnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623.

GREAT MARRIAGES “Just You and Me: A Marriage Retreat”:

Are you in need of some quality connecting time with your spouse? The demands of life can cause us to drift apart and it's always important make time to prioritize your marriage. Join Great Marriages as they have something special planned for you and your loved one at the Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend on **Friday, August 26 at 3:00 pm to Saturday, August 27 at 5:00 pm**. They will give you time to reflect on your relationship, teach you skills to improve your relationship, and just have some good ole fashioned fun together. Our theme this year is S.O.S, based on the book Song of Solomon in the Bible. Cedar Valley is a beautiful venue, with grounds to hike, a pond, and a chapel to visit and pray together. Register at: www.great-marriages.org/events. Cost: \$300/couple (includes overnight stay in private room with bathroom, dinner Friday night, breakfast and lunch Saturday, and all materials).



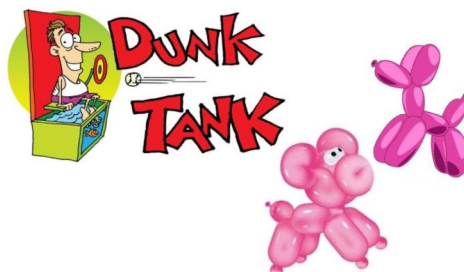
Vacation Bible School at Blessed Trinity Parish – Sheboygan Falls: For **Children 4 years through 4th Grade**. Join us for “Faith is Fun” **July 25th – July 28th 5:45 – 7:30 PM at Blessed Trinity Catholic Life Center in Sheboygan Falls**. A few student volunteers and adult volunteers are also needed. If interested, in having your children attend or helping with the program, **please send an email to Lisa Gross, DRE (lisa@btsje.org) at Blessed Trinity Parish**.

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!

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



Brats
Donated by
Johnsonville

Sunday, August 21

FESTIVAL Noon to 3:30 pm

POLKA MASS 10:30 to 11:30 am

319 Giddings Avenue, Sheboygan Falls

Ryan Kautzer
Polka Band



Bella Musik
Easy Listening



Help Us Welcome Fr Schmeckel!

BLESSED TRINITY BRIDGE MARATHON:

Blessed Trinity bridge marathon is looking for 3 couples to join for 2022-23. They play once a month from October to May. Please contact Sue Mattek at 920-892-6169 for more information.

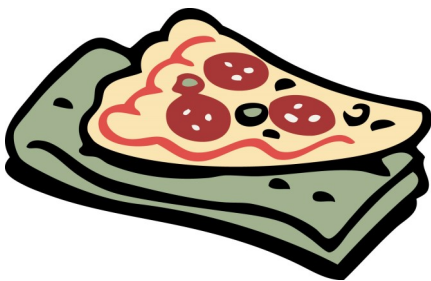
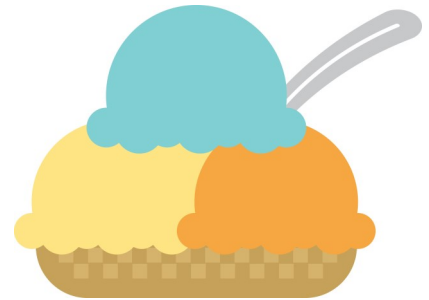
Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 24-30: Over the past year, the Archdiocese has been strategically increasing the resources available to help people understand what Natural Family Planning (NFP) is, how to select a method that is a great fit for them, find certified NFP teachers, connect with health care providers who can address cycle health concerns, and get one on one support for anything else they might need. If you have any questions contact Tori Franke, Natural Family Planning Coordinator franket@archmil.org or 414-758-2241.

**ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH
WELCOME PIZZA & ICE CREAM
RECEPTION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**



WHAT: Attend 5:30 pm Mass with Fr. Schmeckel then attend a casual social reception with pizza and ice cream.

WHERE: Mass inside St. John Evangelist Church; Reception will be outside (weather permitting).



Everyone is invited including visitors. RSVP is encouraged for planning purposes but not required. Please RSVP to 920-452-9623 or stjohnnev@btsje.org.

If you can help, please contact Rich Tauferner (kofc@bytehead.com) or Toni Sarafin (tsarafin@gmail.com).



We invite you to our annual

Little Lourdes Day Mass & Anointing

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

at 10:00 AM

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
818 Huron Avenue • Sheboygan

Little Lourdes Day is a beautiful **Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing *concelebrated by priests*** from around the city and county of Sheboygan, and always around the time of the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The **Sacrament of Anointing** is intended to bring hope and comfort to those who receive it along with the grace of the sacrament.

The ***Sacrament of Anointing*** is administered during the Mass.



Who Can Receive the Sacrament of Anointing?

- Senior Citizens—even though no serious illness is present
- Any Catholic whose health is seriously impaired by physical, mental or emotional illness or old age

Holy Name of Jesus is **handicapped accessible** and we have many volunteers to assist you into the Church and as you depart.

The church is equipped with a Hearing Loop for all those with T-Coil hearing devices.



There will be a time of **fellowship with refreshments** in the Narthex and church following this celebration.

Parishioners, family, and friends of those to be anointed are encouraged to attend this celebration to ***show their care, love and support***.

Please contact the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Office (920.458.7721) if you have questions.

This event is sponsored by the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Human Concerns Committees.

Dear Padre,

My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me.

Catholics receive most of their religious education as children. Even at the high school level, teachers are not able to explore religious topics with the same breadth and depth that occurs during the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) formerly known as RCIA. The Bible, for instance, is taught to children as stories, but adult faith requires us to read and understand Scripture as more than a story.

Adults learn differently from children; adults ask different questions. The facts and contents remain the same, but it's not

possible for your early religious education to have the same content and depth as that of an adult who is converting to Catholicism.

Most Catholic parishes need a faith-formation program for adults who want to take their faith to a deeper level. If yours doesn't offer adult-education programs, many publishers offer programs that can be used for individual study. Let your own interest and curiosity be your guide.



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Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved...by he who is Father.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 10, 2021

Calendar

Monday

JULY 25

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

Tuesday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17–22

Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

JULY 27

Weekday

Jer 15:10, 16–21

Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

JULY 28

Weekday

Jer 18:1–6

Mt 13:47–53

Friday

JULY 29

Sts. Martha, Mary,

and Lazarus

Jer 26:1–9

Jn 11:19–27

or Lk 10:38–42

Saturday

JULY 30

Weekday

Jer 26:11–16, 24

Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

JULY 31

Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23

Col 3:1–5, 9–11

Lk 12:13–21