

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 31, 2022 EIGHTEENTH 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 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
Tuesday	August 2	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Dottie Diedrich
Wednesday	August 3	St. John's	7:00 am	†Hoell Family by Shirley
Thursday	August 4	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Grover & Dona Heinig by Donna Plageman
Friday	August 5	St. John's	7:00 am	†Laurie Beatty by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Friday	August 5	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	August 6	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher, †Roland & Valva Schwaller by Evonne McCoy
Saturday	August 6	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Fr. Harry Koelker by Bob & Karen Goldsmith
Sunday	August 7	St. John's	9:00 am	For the Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	August 7	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

2022 - 2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION & FORMS:



Were mailed this week to families of Faith Formation students 4K to Grade 12. All students who attended classes last year are automatically enrolled this year. Please return the information form with any updated information and payment by **Monday, August 15**. Forms can be mailed, dropped in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office by that date. Any questions? Please contact Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6 or Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 -12.

The Rich Fool





From Father Schmeckel:

August 4 is the Memorial of **Saint John Vianney**, the patron saint of parish priests. He was a French priest in the 1800s. He often struggled with studying theology, scripture, Latin and the other courses in his seminary education, but he persevered and was eventually ordained a priest. He was sent to a tiny town in France. It was said that the Bishop sent him there because it was a tiny town in nowhere France and John Vianney "couldn't do too much harm there." Not only did this holy priest not cause any harm, but he turned the

little town upside down by his holiness. He gave such good counsel in confession and spiritual direction that people would travel from all over Europe and wait in line for eight to twelve hours to have their confessions heard by this little country priest. As we celebrate this feast day, it is an important reminder that **we want holy priests**. Instinctively, we know when we meet a holy priest that he is in love with Jesus, and we naturally desire more priests like that. It is also a reminder to pray for the priests in your life! Pray for the priest who baptized you; pray for the priest who gave you your first Holy Communion; pray for the priest who heard your last confession; pray for the priest who will, one day far in the future, anoint you and bring you Holy Communion on your death bed. We want and need holy priests to help us find our way to Jesus.

On August 5, we celebrate the **dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major** in Rome. This is a celebration of the birthday of a building, of a specific church in Rome. This might seem like a strange thing. Why do we celebrate this? While we sometimes hear that the brick-and-mortar church is not the most important (which is true), it is still very important. This specific church building dates back to the 400s and is one of the oldest churches dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. When one thinks of what those walls have witnessed in the course of 1500 years, it is outstanding. How many baptisms, Masses, funerals, weddings have been celebrated there? How many saints and sinners and maybe even heretics have wondered in and out of that beautiful building? How many times have everyday people of Rome wandered into that Church, just to sit and rest from the day's toils for a few moments? Physical church buildings are important reminders of how faith becomes real in our day to day lives. Today, we thank God for the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, and we also thank Him that we have beautiful and noble places to encounter God in our two parishes as well!

Finally, on August 6, we will celebrate the **Transfiguration of the Lord**, when Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. There they have a heavenly and mystical experience of Jesus. Jesus gives them a glimpse of what He looks like in all his glory in heaven. In the Gospel of the Mass today, we hear that Peter is profoundly overwhelmed by this. It is also one of those times when we hear Peter just start talking without thinking. Still, I think he says something important for us to ponder. He says, "Master, it is good to be here." We, too, should say to Jesus, "It is good to be here with you." **How can you find time to stay with Jesus in the week ahead?**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 6.

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



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: 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.

Helping Children to Pray

One of the most powerful thing parents and others can do for children is to help them to pray, and to give them the opportunity to develop a close relationship with God. There are a variety of ways to do this, and it's never too late. Here are some ideas:



1. **Introduce common prayers.** Start with a simple prayer. Even children younger than three years old can begin to learn the Sign of the Cross. Children who are a bit older can learn the Hail Mary and the Our Father, the prayer that specifically teaches how to show respect, request daily needs, and ask for forgiveness and protection.
2. **Teach gratitude.** Jared Dees, catechetical minister and creator of a website for religious educators says, "To teach the spirit of gratitude to children, ask children to share one thing they are thankful for at dinnertime. It will help them develop a spiritual life."
3. **Teach children to listen.** Teach children how to be still and recognize God's answers to prayers. This involves follow-up. If children pray for something, make sure you talk about whether or not they get what was prayed for. If that happens, teach them to say a prayer of thanks. If it doesn't, talk about how that can be an answer to prayer, too
4. **Encourage children to keep a prayer journal.** In it, they can write favorite thoughts or prayers, draw pictures of themselves talking to God, or illustrate the gifts God has given them for which they are thankful.
5. **Get out of your comfort zone.** If there's something you've been wanting to do but have been nervous about or haven't made time for, such as joining the choir, becoming a lector at Mass, or praying together as a family, do it. You'll be showing children that God comes first as you lead by example.
6. **Have realistic expectations.** Don't expect young children to pray for world peace. That may be too big of a concept for many to understand. Simply encourage children to pray for little issues that are relevant to them and don't ask for anything more. As they grow, so will their worldview and their prayers.
7. **Create a family prayer.** Let children compose the words to a daily prayer that can be said together. This will help them to see that prayers can be in traditional forms (The Lord's Prayer) or in their own words.

Prayer should be a daily part of our lives and the lives of our children as well. Once you know which methods of prayer will work best with your children and for your family as a whole, keep doing it. It will enrich their lives and strengthen their faith, and yours!

Adapted from: Catholic Digest. "20 Ways To Teach Children To Pray", Feb 27, 2013

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today as we celebrate the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, let us recall the First Commandment that states "I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have false gods before me." (Ex. 20:1-3) and how this relates to today's readings at Mass. In our Gospel from Luke, Jesus ends His parable by urging his followers to become "rich in what matters to God." (Lk.12:21). What matters to God? It is not how much or little we may possess, but how much or how little we are possessed by our possessions! If I had to describe our Catholic faith in just one word, I would say it is "freedom!" Now many might disagree because we have such things as the Ten Commandments and the moral authority and teaching of our Catholic faith, but it is precisely because "God is Love" (1Jn4:4) that we must be free in order to give and receive love. So, what matters to God is the degree to which we are free to dedicate our time, talent and treasures to loving and caring for others. In reality, we are not to be possessed by our possessions, but rather to know that God is the giver of all good gifts (James 1:17).

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



LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF JULY 30/31 & AUGUST 6/7

MASSES	Saturday, July 30, 5:30 pm	Sunday, July 31, 9:00 am	Saturday, August 6, 5:30 pm	Sunday, August 7, 9:00 am
Lector	Susan Vavra	Erin Meyer	Melanie Pellegrino	Abbagail Bishop
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Nick Cinquepalmi		Mel Free
Ushers	Kevin Smith Ken Udovich	Rob Holzrichter Aaron Justinger	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	John Debrauske Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi

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.



Our second **"Class Before/After Mass"** held on Sunday, July 24 featured Sr. Mary Teresa talking on "Soul 101." Our final summer "class" will be held on Saturday, August 13 from 4:00 -5:00 pm in the Church basement at St. John Evangelist. Stay tuned for more details. All are welcome!



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.

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 stjohnnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623.



Catholic Life Center: 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.



Welcome

WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome Paul & Meghan Garni and their son Matthias to the St. John Evangelist Parish family.

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!!



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



PLEASE
JOIN US!

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WELCOME!

SEE YOU
THERE!

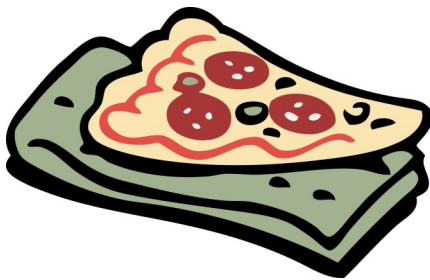
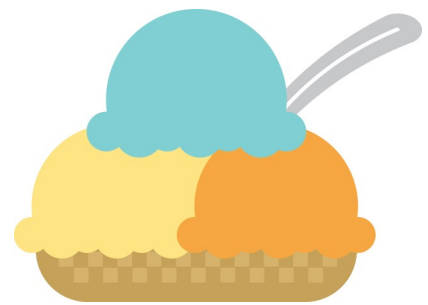
Help Us Welcome Fr Schmeckel!

**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 stjohnev@btsje.org.

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

FORMED: St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes have purchased a subscription to **Formed.org**. FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. FORMED is filled with content for all age groups and supports thousands of movies, children's programs, eBooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

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4. Find Blessed Trinity by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Any questions? Please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnevbtsje.org.

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).



Fellowship with other women who are willing to support and walk alongside you as you move forward. All ages and stages of life welcome!



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.

The Catholic Life Center

Mission: *"To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."*

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls
 Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and
 Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



COVID Update: Masks are optional.
Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

10:00-11:00 am in the CLC Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 3

Episode 3: Bread for the Journey



The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Join us for the last episode in our series even if you missed the first two!

****Please Register with Mary** at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Health and Wellness Tuesdays

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC Meeting Room

August 2 **Seated Chair Exercise** — Join us for a seated exercise group. Participate as able.

August 9 **Health and Wellness Discussion/Healthy Recipes** — Participate in our monthly group that discusses health and wellness. This month's topic is healthy recipes. Bring a favorite healthy recipe to share with the group. If you wish, bring samples of it.



****Register with Mary** the Friday before each event at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

****August 16, 23, & 30 — No Class.** Sessions will continue after Labor Day.

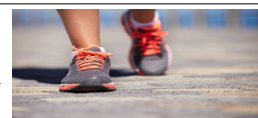
****Mark your calendar** for September 27 at 10 am for a presentation by Sarah Mirocha, MD, an endocrinologist from Prevea on **Osteoporosis! Register by September 19th!**

First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Will be back in September!



Walk the Walk... Join us for our walking program! This adult only program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school's former gym at Blessed Trinity. You must be able to climb/descend 40 steps each way to the school gym. Bring gym shoes and a water bottle! We will warm up with a few exercises before we start to walk, ending with cool down exercises! Class will be led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions call the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616: Mary, Ext. 314 or John, Ext. 315. Walking may be held outside in church parking lot during the summer, weather permitting. **Resumes September 6**



Bishop Barron's Faith Clips: Prayer

Wednesday, August 17, 10:00 – 11:00 am
CLC Meeting Room



Bishop Robert Barron, one of the great, spiritual teachers of our time who clearly explains Church beliefs, answers frequently-asked questions about the faith on the topic of prayer. Join us for an hour of video and discussion.

Please register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



Save the Date! Enrich Your Sunday

September 11, after 9:00 am Mass, 10:15 – 11:00 am
St. John Evangelist's Gathering Space

The Search Episode

4: What's Your Story?

Your life is a story. And it's caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see it in the Scriptures, shows us the amazing love story that is God's pursuit of man. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn't abstract. It has a face and name: Jesus.

Join us for this enlightening Formed.org video series with discussion at a convenient time after Mass, with light refreshments. We will be finished by 11:00 am in time to make Sunday plans.

Please register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Dear Padre,

The new priest assigned to our parish seldom shakes hands at the sign of peace during Mass. Isn't he supposed to?

You may be surprised to know that the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (154) calls for the priest to remain in the sanctuary at the sign of peace to avoid disrupting the assembly's exchange. He has the option of exchanging a sign of peace with the ministers—it's optional because to do so repeats the first greeting of peace he just extended to everyone in the assembly.

In the United States, an exception is made for special occasions such as weddings, funerals, or when community leaders are present. In those cases, the *GIRM* allows the priest to offer the sign of peace to people sitting near the sanctuary.

Ironically, many parishioners view the presider's participation less as a distortion of the rite than as a positive indicator of their priest's social skills, as in "Father is such a people person!"

Offering—and being offered—an actual sign of Christ's peace during Mass is intended to be poignant, prayerful, and powerful, with a different kind of fanfare than when greeters welcome worshipers before Mass or when the presider shakes hands and socializes immediately after Mass.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The quest for personal prestige can become a spiritual malady masquerading itself even behind good intentions: for example, when behind the good that we do and preach, we are only seeking ourselves and our own affirmation—that is, getting ahead and climbing up.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 28:1–17

Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Jer 30:1–2,

12–15, 18–22

Mt 14:22–36

or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Jer 31:1–7

Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Jer 31:31–34

Mt 16:13–23

Friday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7

Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Lk 9:28b–36

Sunday

AUGUST 7

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6–9

Heb 11:1–2, 8–19

or 11:1–2, 8–12

Lk 12:32–48

or 12:35–40