

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**AUGUST 14, 2022 TWENTIETH 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	August 13	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Deacon Sy Regan by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Bradley Woveras by Family
Saturday	August 13	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Good Health of Nancy Buss
Sunday	August 14	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	August 14	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter
Monday	August 15	St. John's	6:45 am	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	August 16	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Bridgeway Meal Host Program
Wednesday	August 17	St. John's	7:00 am	†Joe Etchingham & Kriesa Family by Bob & Bette Kluge
Thursday	August 18	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Leo & Kathryn Schleicher by Connie Katchkey
Friday	August 19	St. John's	7:00 am	†Richard Lorenz by Family
Saturday	August 20	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Bonde & Sabel Families by James & Wanda Sabel, †Dennis & Julie Willfahrt by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Saturday	August 20	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerald Simon by Kathy Wochenske
Sunday	August 21	St. John's	9:00 am	†Randy Brotz by Jim & Jerry Gronskopf
Sunday	August 21	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

## 2022 - 2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION & FORMS:



Were mailed to families of Religious Education 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.



**Luke 12:49**



## From Father Schmeckel:

On This week, we celebrate the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (August 15). We celebrate that, at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul.

In the Preface of the Mass, we will hear the priest say, “rightly you would not allow her to suffer the corruption of the tomb...” When you and I die, our corpses will begin to decompose and return to some more basic organic elements. God, in his great love for his Mother would not allow her to suffer this. She is spared from the grimness of the tomb. Often, writers will not refer to the end of Mary's earthly life as her death, but as her “falling asleep in the Lord”.

Why does Mary not have to endure what is common to all the rest of us? The Preface from the Mass continues and gives us an answer, “since from her own body she marvelously brought forth your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.” Because Mary conceived and gave birth to Jesus, her material body has a closeness and intimacy with God. Her physical reality has a unique beauty because of her closeness to the Source of all life.

This is an important reminder for us as well. Each time we receive Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, we become physically and spiritually close to Him. And this closeness with Jesus' Body and Blood has consequences! It means that how we use and care for our physical bodies matters. The bodies that God gave us must be cared for and respected – as well as those of others. This celebration of the Assumption reminds us again of the wondrous gift of our bodies.

Finally, the Assumption is a sign and promise of Heaven. God has already fulfilled in Mary what He desires to do in each of us. Mary is already fully united – body and soul – in Heaven with the Blessed Trinity. Already Mary is joined in a perfect way to God. The Assumption reminds us that God desires for us to be with Him in Heaven. He desires to bring us into his own divine life. It calls us to pursue a life of virtue and holiness so that one day you and I may join Mary's song of praise in Heaven!

*Mary, Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us!*

Because the Assumption falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, however, there will still be Mass at 6:45 AM at St John. Let us ask Mary to help us praise and adore our Lord!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KOHLER SCHOOLS:



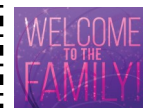
## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

As the new school year fast approaches, we will be collecting school supplies which will be given to children/families in need. From now until the

**5:15 pm Religious Education Mass on Wednesday, September 7**, you can bring new school supplies and place them in the white laundry basket in the Gathering Space. All school supplies are needed and appreciated. Any questions? Please contact the parish office.

## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Is celebrated on Monday, August 15. Because it falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation this year. Fr. Schmeckel will be having a Mass on **Monday, August 15 at 6:45 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish.

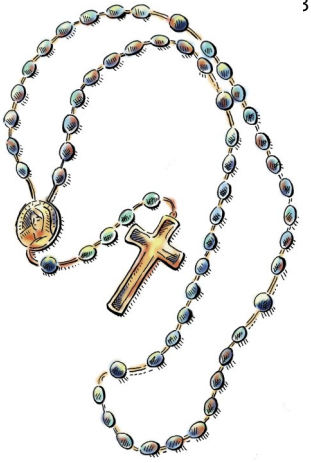


## WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Chris & Katie Becker and their children Joseph, Johnathan, Hollyann, and Felicity to the St. John Evangelist Parish family.

## Why is it Important to Pray the Rosary?

The rosary is a form of meditative prayer. It's a reflection on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and of His Blessed Mother. Praying the rosary has been a tradition in the Church for a long time. It begins with the recitation of the Apostle's Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. Then there are five decades which each begin and end with an Our Father and Glory Be,. There are ten Hail Mary's in between.



When you pray the rosary, you meditate on the events in Jesus' life. There are the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries. If you want to "live liturgically" the Rosary is a perfect way to spend time in prayer - alone or with others.

If you have children any time is a good time to introduce them to the Rosary and to teach them how to pray, and any age is a good age for them to learn as well! Teaching children to pray requires patience and a lot of repetition. You can choose a specific day of the week to pray with them, or you can simply start with a Hail Mary each day. Once you are consistently gathering to pray, try one decade a day or even a decade or two once a week. Only move to a full rosary when you know that your children will be able to handle it, and always stay flexible! It really depends on the ages of your children and how easily you think it'll be to make praying the rosary **a habit in your home**.

Some reasons for teaching children the Rosary:

1. They learn their prayers.
2. It builds community and family togetherness.
3. It teaches children to be quiet and to listen.
4. When children know and think about the Mysteries of the Rosary, it helps them learn about and remember Scripture stories/events.
5. It's an important tradition in our Catholic Faith.
6. The more children see family members and others pray, and can join in, the more likely they will be to continue praying themselves.

Saying the Rosary can help all of us, adults and children, to slow down be quiet, center ourselves and focus on God. May these summer days bring us some time and some opportunities to do this!

Adapted from: Jared Dees. "The Religion Teacher", Ave Maria Press 10-12-2009

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

**FINANCIAL: AUGUST 6/7:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,528.00.

**AUGUST 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, August 20.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today on the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Times, we are met with difficult readings, where the prophet Jeremiah is thrown into a well to die and Jesus tells His disciples that "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49). Indeed, make no mistake, we have a very demanding faith, but be not afraid, for God, like a loving Father, always provides for us, like it says in today's Psalm 40...."the Lord comes to my aid...and the Lord hears my cry!" Also, in our reading from Hebrews 12:1, we know that we are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" which many scholars believe to be our vast communion of Saints! In fact, if today was not a Sunday, our Saint for Aug. 14 is Maximilian Kolbe. He was a Franciscan priest from Poland, who lived in the 20th century and was a pioneer in spreading the faith through media! He began a "Militia Immaculata" for, like many Saints before him, he believed that the surest shortcut to Jesus was through his Blessed Mother, Mary! He printed magazines and gave retreats to bring people to the saving knowledge of Christ, ultimately being arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Auschwitz during World War II, where he earned a martyr's crown by dying in place of another man! He loved God, his mother Mary and the Church so much, that in imitation of Christ, he was willing to "lay down his life for a friend." (John 15:13)



Tomorrow, on August 15, our universal Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! If possible, please try to get to Mass (check out [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org)) and/or say a rosary, since life and faith can be demanding, but we know we march FROM victory, not FOR victory, and so when we commit to this journey of faith, we will find peace, courage and JOY that only God can give! See you at Mass.

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

On Saturday, August 13 our 7 - 12 grade Religious Education program completed it's last "class before/after Mass" summer session. Thank you to ALL who came to the presentations each month! For our first attempt at this type of summer faith formation program, it went very well. Theology is just like biology, if it isn't growing, it's dead! So please continue to grow and deepen your faith every day...and prepare to be "awe-mazed!!"

The ***Morning of Renewal*** event is designed for anyone who is already involved, or would like to get involved in the liturgical ministries of the church, such as greeters/ushers, hospitality leaders, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, music ministry, and including Christian formation for all ages, and Hispanic ministry. There will be a large group presentation by Roc O' Connor and breakout sessions for each ministry. Through this morning of renewal, we hope and pray to reignite and energize our prayer lives, and increase and grow ministries within our churches.

### **\*Sponsored by Sheboygan County Parishes**

One of the founding members of the St. Louis Jesuits, Father Roc O'Connor is a gifted theologian and composer who has been writing music for the liturgy since 1974.



## MORNING OF RENEWAL

WITH ROC O'CONNOR, SJ  
One of the original St. Louis Jesuits

BLESSED TRINITY, SHEBOYGAN FALLS  
SEPTEMBER 24, 8:30 a.m.-Noon

SPEAKERS, MUSIC &  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY,  
DESIGNED FOR THOSE  
IN ALL MINISTRIES



## LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF AUGUST 13/14 & AUGUST 20/21

MASSES	Saturday, August 13, 5:30 pm	Sunday, August 14, 9:00 am	Saturday, August 20, 5:30 pm	Sunday, August 21, 9:00 am
Lector	Cate Smith	Norah or Holly Justinger	Carter Udovich	Diane Hart
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	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

### SHEBOYGAN SOUTH CATHOLIC PARISHES SPECIAL OUTDOOR MASS

Kohler-Andrae Amphitheater  
Saturday, August 27th, 2022  
4:30 PM



Please join us for a special outdoor Mass at Kohler-Andrae Amphitheater on  
**Saturday, August 27th at 4:30 PM!**

*This Mass will take the place of the regularly scheduled 4:30 PM at St. Peter Claver.  
(In case of rain the Mass will be moved back to St. Peter Claver Church.)*

A Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker is required for vehicles entering the park. A day pass for a vehicle with Wisconsin plates costs \$8, and \$3 for seniors age 65 and older. Out of state vehicles cost \$11. Carpooling is encouraged if you don't have a sticker.

The Amphitheater is reserved all day for our group (10 AM - 11 PM), and there will be a social afterwards with a limited number of brats and hotdogs supplied. Interested in bringing along your favorite side dish to share with your fellow parishioners? Please email Lauren Monaghan (see address below)!

There are plenty of benches for seating during the Mass, but you may want to bring lawn chairs or blankets for picnicking afterwards.

Contact Lauren Monaghan at [monaghanl@catholicsouthside.com](mailto:monaghanl@catholicsouthside.com) with any questions.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

### BLESSED TRINITY'S TAKE & BAKE CASSEROLE FUNDRAISER:

Blessed Trinity Parish is having a "Take & Bake Casserole Fundraiser" again this year. Order forms are



available on the table in the Gathering Space. Casseroles for sale this year are: Pizza Casserole and Tater Tot Casserole that will be available for pick up on September 10/11 and Chicken Taco Bake and Chicken & Wild Rice Casserole that will be available on September 24/25. Two sizes of casseroles are being sold: A 9 x 13 size for \$30.00 and 8 x 8 size for \$20.00. All order forms must be returned by **Thursday, September 1**. Any questions? Please call 920-467-4046 and leave a message.



# 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



**Help Us Welcome Fr Schmeckel!**

## 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](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org) or 920-452-9623.



## Community Education & Social Event

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)  
of Sheboygan County  
650 Forest Ave., Sheboygan Falls

2022

Join in with other family caregivers to learn practical tips on a variety of topics that will assist you to better meet the physical, emotional, financial and spiritual challenges of caregiving. Call the Family Caregivers Coalition in Sheboygan County c/o Aging & Disability Resource Center at 920-467-4079 for more information or to make a reservation.

**Thursday, August 18, 2022**

1 – 2:30 pm

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)  
of Sheboygan County  
650 Forest Ave., Sheboygan Falls

### Managing Caregiver Stress

Identifying and Reducing Stress:

Four steps will be presented for effective stress management:

- (1) Identifying early warning signs,
- (2) Identifying personal sources of stress,
- (3) Accepting what you cannot change, and
- (4) Taking action.

Tools to reduce stress will be discussed. Participants will learn how to change negative self-talk – which increases stress and erodes confidence – to positive self-talk. Caregivers learn relaxation activities that are easy to incorporate into their daily lives.

**Presenters:** Jane Jensen, UW-Extension Madison & Lisa Hurley, ADRC of Sheboygan County

**Upcoming Caregiver Connect Programs:**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022 @ 1pm – Taking Care of YOU!**

**Presenter:** Connie Thimmig, Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice



Call 920-467-4079 to register!

**NEW EVENT!**

**The Gathering Place**

# BRAT FRY + CAR SHOW

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**  
**5 TO 7 P.M.**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**in the parking lot!**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
730 County Road PPP • Sheboygan Falls

*All proceeds for this event will benefit The Gathering Place and Memory Matters programming!*

**Grab a brat or burger and check out the great cars !!**

**Stay awhile and enjoy our Sock Hop DJ, Rob Peterson**





## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME:

And that's just what a full busload of St John's folks and their fellow Brewers fans did last Sunday. Alas, while they couldn't bring home a Brewers win, they had a good time filled with fellowship and fun. Thanks to our sponsors without whose contributions this event would not be possible: Lakeside Pepsi, Jimmy John's, St. Anne's Society and St. John Evangelist

parish. Special thanks to Suzie Barrock and Delair Avery for their tireless promotion of the event. ~Tom Reilly



## 20TH ANNUAL SEMINARY DINNER

Very Reverend Luke N. Strand  
invites you to join the seminarians and faculty of  
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES SEMINARY  
for an evening of joy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022  
5:45 p.m. Cocktail Reception | 7 p.m. Dinner

THE WISCONSIN CENTER  
400 West Wisconsin Avenue | Milwaukee

For information,  
visit [www.sfs.edu/AnnualDinner](http://www.sfs.edu/AnnualDinner)  
or call 414-747-6463.



## ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY "LET'S TALK":

St. Anne Society's Wednesday morning coffee gatherings (Let's Talk!) take place on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the church hall.



**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

**CATHOLIC MEN'S PROGRAM**  
@Blessed Trinity CLC starts Sat. Sept. 17  
Doors open 6:45am with  
lite breakfast/fraternity  
program 7am-8:30am

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All men 18/over invited  
contact Mark Weber 920-980-2112

# Dear Padre,

**A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?**

**T**he idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace*" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.*

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 15

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

### Tuesday

AUGUST 16

*Weekday*

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

AUGUST 17

*Weekday*

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

AUGUST 18

*Weekday*

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

AUGUST 19

*Weekday*

Ez 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

AUGUST 20

*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

AUGUST 21

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30