

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



AUGUST 21, 2022 TWENTY-FIRST 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 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
Tuesday	August 23	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Thomas, Mary, & Jerome Buechler by Mary Klover
Wednesday	August 24	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Thursday	August 25	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad
Friday	August 26	St. John's	7:00 am	†Connie Stevens by Tom & Rita Gast
Saturday	August 27	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Dick & Jane Gilsdorf by Family
Saturday	August 27	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	August 28	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	August 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Lawrence & Clara Weyker by Wieseckel Family

**"THE
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LUKE 13:30



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KOHLER SCHOOLS: As



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

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.

From Father Schmeckel:

As you may have already noticed, I almost exclusively use a somewhat longer Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. This is called Eucharistic Prayer I or the Roman Canon. There are many reasons that I choose to use this option for our prayer. In the next couple of weeks, I want to look at the words of this prayer and help us to grow in how we pray at Mass.



After we sing the *Holy, Holy, Holy*, the Priest begins:

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

All of our prayer is directed to God through his Son, Jesus, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Especially in the celebration of the Mass, we don't just wander around aimlessly. We look at God. This is why both of our churches, St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity, have as their main focus the altar and the cross. Anyone who walks into either of our churches immediately has his or her attention drawn to a singular place through the layout and the structure of our buildings. Similarly, at Mass the Priest's first words in the Eucharist Prayer remind us that this is not about us. **It is first and foremost about God.** We don't come to Mass primarily to feel good about ourselves and to see our friends (though this can be good when it happens, too!). We come to Mass because we love God and want to grow in our love for Him.

The Priest continues:

"...that you accept
and bless these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices..."

As the Priest blesses the bread and wine that will soon become the Body and Blood of Jesus, we should think about the gifts, offerings, and sacrifices that we bring to God at Mass. Maybe we gave some money at the offertory time to help maintain our church building and to educate our children. Maybe things are difficult for us right now, and so we gave God our smile and cheerful greeting as we walked into Church. Maybe we sacrificed going to a basketball tournament or hanging out with friends or an extra hour of sleep to come to Mass. As the Priest blesses the bread and wine, we ask Jesus to **bless the gifts, offerings, and sacrifices that we brought to Him today.** What gift will you bring to Jesus at Mass?

Our prayer at Mass continues by asking God to pour out his graces on all kinds of people: the Church, those gathered at Mass, the living, the dead. Essentially for everyone, everywhere – even across the expanse of time. We will continue to look at this next week. In the meantime, let us listen carefully at Mass to the words of the Eucharistic Prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to help us to pray well.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 27.

FINANCIAL: AUGUST 13/14:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,601.25.

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

The Power of Family Rituals

Rituals are part of life — everyday life, family life and our Catholic faith life. They nourish us, ground us, comfort us, and teach us. In her book *Meg Cox (The Heart of a Family: Random House)* said that when people are asked to describe their family to someone else, rituals are often the first things mentioned. They create a feeling of belonging to a family and not just living in it



Even with hectic schedules, it's easy for families to grow in faith together by celebrating the sacred in simple routine activities. Here are some ways to do that:

1. Teach your children to start each day with prayers. Put a positive "thought for the day" calendar on your breakfast table.
2. Celebrate special saints' feast days or ethnic holidays and feasts.
3. Make birthdays special. Celebrating a child's birth is a central way to convey a sense of one's sacredness. Find a time to sit together with your child and share a special message just from you. It might be about the day he or she was born, about how much you were looking forward to having this child, or mention traits of this child that bring you joy.
4. Commemorate Anniversaries of Baptism and/or First Eucharist with a special candle at dinner, a favorite dessert, or with a visit to church to pray and light a candle.
5. Make more of your time in the car together. Instead of asking lots of questions ask something simple such as, "Have you got any questions on your mind?" Then listen. The more listening you do, the more you'll find out, and the closer you may become to your children.
6. Celebrate the night before the first day of school. Set aside some time on the night before school begins to gather and have everyone tell at least one good memory from the previous school year about themselves or about the family. This is a chance to solidify connections and gather strength before beginning the adventure of a new school year.
7. Bedtime can often be a special time. The actual look of the bedtime ritual will vary from family to family, but peacefulness and closure to the day will bring much to everyone's life.

Asking children questions like:

What were you happy about today?

If you had today to do over, is there anything you would do differently?

Is there anything you need help with?

These questions can then lead to prayers and a recognition of God's presence.

Research shows that families with meaningful rituals have children who do better academically and socially, so there is no better time to start a family ritual that can deepen your relationships, create lasting memories, and strengthen your faith as well!

Adapted from: Gonzales, Shemaiah. "The Power of Family Rituals". Loyola Press, Chicago IL, on-line.

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



Supplies Needed

ROCKY KNOLL BINGO PRIZES: The Bingo Committee is looking for donations for prizes for Rocky Knoll Bingo that takes place the first Wednesday of each month. Small snack size candy bars or small bags of chips or crackers are needed. Please do not leave any religious items or greeting cards since these can't be used. All donations can be dropped off in the cabinet in the multipurpose room. Any questions? Please contact Bette at rbckluge@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Our readings today focus on the theme of salvation and our call as disciples. Pay attention to the Collect, the prayer said by Father at the beginning of Mass, just before the First reading is proclaimed. It contains the essence of how we are to receive and respond to the "good news." It says, "O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen." Just like Luke reminds us in today's Gospel, that we should strive to enter through the narrow gate, our faith journey must be focused and steadfast, as we struggle daily to follow the Lord. As we look forward to our coming year of Religious Education, we desire to pass on our faith to others, recognizing that it can be a challenge with our increasingly overstimulated; disengaged and screen-obsessed culture, i.e. young people.



Here are some tips from Mark Hart, "the Bible Geek" who is a 27-year veteran of youth ministry:

- Time is more important than teaching points.
- You show teens who God is through how you live your faith: the reverence with which you receive Jesus in the Eucharist; the time you spend in prayer; the way you treat others—all of your actions will speak louder than words as your faith life will show them the "who" that is the source of the "what."
- Be a consistent example of worship. Bring your kids to Mass whether they want to go or not, whether on vacation or not. Put Jesus first and build your life around Him. Actions follow beliefs.
- Sit in the front at Church. Kids are easily distracted, so the nearer to the altar, the greater the sensory experience of the Mass. Sing and pray the responses. Like anything, we get out what we put in.
- Say family prayers at meals and before bed. Pray a family rosary one day a week, connect it all to Scripture.
- Realize that we go to Mass to receive and not to get. We go to give our time, praise, adoration, and thanks!
- Keep learning. A true disciple is an eternal student. Ask the Lord to give you a spirit of wisdom, trust, and JOY, bearing in mind, that without God, we can do nothing! Then like our Psalm today says, "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News, for steadfast is His kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever." See you at Mass.

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

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.

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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 20/21 & AUGUST 27/28

MASSES	Saturday, August 20, 5:30 pm	Sunday, August 21, 9:00 am	Saturday, August 27, 5:30 pm	Sunday, August 28, 9:00 am
Lector	Carter Udovich	Diane Hart	Beth Zadalis	Erin Meyer
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey		Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Rich Tauferner
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

St. Anne Society

Save the Date!

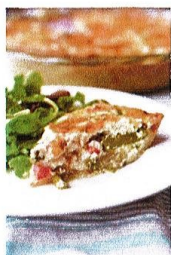
Women of St. John's Parish are invited to a
Special Brunch and Informational Gathering:

When: Sunday, September 18, 2022

Time: Immediately after the 9:00 Mass

Where: St. John's Church Hall

Come and make new acquaintances, renew old friendships, and learn more about Spiritual, Service, and Social opportunities in St. Anne Society of St. John Evangelist Church.



All women parishioners of St. John Evangelist Parish are members of St. Anne Society - lets get together!

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.



THANK YOU!: to Toni Sarafin and Rich Tauferner, Pastoral Council members, for organizing last Saturday's Welcome Pizza and Ice Cream Reception and to those who helped serve and clean-up. Although the weather wasn't the greatest, everyone seemed to have a good time eating and socializing with Father Schmeckel and with each other.

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 with any questions.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Let's Talk!

"Coffee in the Corner"
Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

**St. Anne Society at
St. John Evangelist Church**

**Join us Wednesday mornings at
9:00 a.m. for coffee, conversations,
and casual get-togethers.**

**We will meet in the St. Anne Society
corner of St. John Evangelist Church
Hall (located on the lower level).**

***Bring a guest, visit with friends,
and meet new parishioners!***

Dear Padre,

I have some views that differ from the Church's stance. Must all my beliefs align with the Church?

The answer to this question is difficult without knowing your specific views. Generally speaking, Catholics affirm a deposit of faith that the Church has received and is bound to preserve. This includes the public revelation of God manifest in the incarnate Word of God (Jesus Christ)

and preserved in the sacred Scriptures and apostolic Tradition. This deposit of faith ended with the death of the last apostle.

The deposit of faith entrusted to the Church is not simply a set of propositional truths, but is bound up in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the fullness of God's revelation

to humanity. Catholics commonly agree on certain teachings central to the deposit of faith and taught by Church authority, including the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the role of the sacraments, and creeds formulated by ancient councils. (Catholics are not required to believe in many of the private revelations and visions that have accumulated over the centuries.)

Since the mid-1800s, theologians and Church leaders have debated the infallible nature of documents issued by popes and the Vatican and the extent to which they're binding on Catholics. All agree, however, that these documents should be given the utmost consideration. Those who disagree with the Church on faith or moral issues should investigate the reasons for specific teachings. When they realize that God's laws and moral teachings begin with the dignity of the person, they may conform their views to God's truth which the Church wishes to convey and uphold.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us think now...in silence, of the things that we have inside us which prevent us from entering the [narrow] door: my pride, my arrogance, my sins. Then, let us think of the other door, the one opened wide by the mercy of God who awaits us on the other side to grant us forgiveness.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 21, 2016

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 22
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 23
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

AUGUST 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Thursday

AUGUST 25
Weekday
1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

Friday

AUGUST 26
Weekday
1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

AUGUST 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

AUGUST 28
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Lk 14:1, 7-14



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