

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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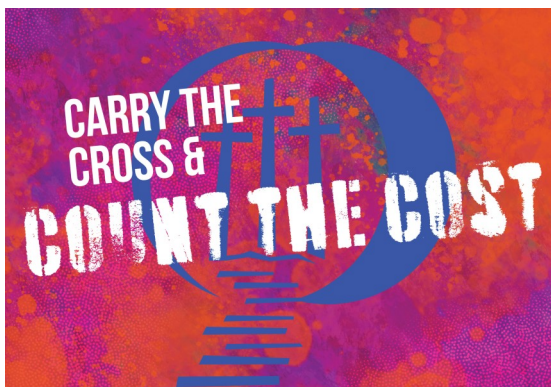
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Please contact the Parish Office to:

- 1. Join the Parish**
- 2. Schedule a Baptism**
- 3. Schedule a Mass Intention**
- 4. Any other questions or concerns**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 3	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Saturday	September 3	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Helen & Earl Kuffel by Bette Kriesa Kluge
Sunday	September 4	St. John's	9:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	September 4	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	September 6	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Andy & Polly Block by Donna Plageman
Wednesday	September 7	St. John's	7:00 am	†Pegge Doust by K & S Schmelting
Wednesday	September 7	St. John's	5:15 pm	For All Religious Education Students & Catechists
Thursday	September 8	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Tom & Rita Dickfoss
Friday	September 9	St. John's	7:00 am	†Stanley Perzewski by Friends & Family
Friday	September 9	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	In Thanksgiving for 55 Years of Marriage for Paul & Helen Morgan
Saturday	September 10	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Dennis Fleisner by Family, †Eileen Mischock by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Saturday	September 10	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Eileen Mischock by Family, †John & Joyce Pethan by Family
Sunday	September 11	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher, †Clara Weyker & Rosie Reiter by John & Lisa Reiter



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS:

There will be a special Mass on **Wednesday, September 7 at 5:15 pm** to start our 2022 - 2023 Religious Education year. Families are expected to attend, and all others are welcome. Classes begin on **Wednesday, September 14 at 4:00 - 5:15 pm for 4K - Grade 6 and 6:45 - 8:00 pm for Grades 7 - 11.**



From Father Schmeckel:

During the past few weeks, we have been looking at the First Eucharistic Prayer, often called the Roman Canon. This is one option for the most important part of the Mass – when the bread and wine offered on the altar become the Body and Blood of Jesus. So far, we have seen (1) that all of our prayer and attention is directed to God and (2) the need to pray for the Church – throughout the world and here in our own backyard. Today, we move to a section of the prayer called the “Commemoration of the Living”. It is my hope that by reflecting on the words and the actions of the Mass, we can all grow in our full participation in the prayer of the Church.



In the “Commemoration of the Living”, we do just what it sounds like. We pray for living people. The priest prays:

*“...Remember, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N....**”*

Sometimes, I will say the names of people, but often our Mass intentions are for those who are deceased (which comes later in the prayer). The instructions for priests say that he is supposed to join his hands and pray briefly for those for whom he intends to pray. This is one of the parts of the Mass where it becomes quiet for a few moments. What should we do in the first little moment of quiet? **Pray for the living people you know who need God's help and grace.** This could be your grandmother who is sick, your friend who is dealing with depression and financial difficulties, or maybe it's for you and help with a difficult test or presentation that you have in the upcoming week. The priest then continues the prayer:

*“...and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you.
For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves
and all who are dear to them...”*

For our consideration here, I want to focus on the line “...**we offer you this sacrifice of praise.**” What does this mean to offer a “sacrifice of praise”. Often times, when we choose to be at Mass and worship God, we sacrifice that hour that we could spend doing something else. Our decision to be at Mass is a sacrifice. We give up our own thoughts to pay careful attention to the words, gestures, and music of the Mass. Maybe as you grow older, the reality of coming to church means giving up your physical comfort and ease – this, too, is a sacrifice that you make to be there. Perhaps, you give a monetary gift at the offertory that could be used to purchase everyday needs and wants. These are sacrifices of praise that we make at each and every Mass. On the way to Mass, may I suggest that you and your family ask each other and talk about this question: **What sacrifice have you made to come to Mass today? What sacrifice can you make this week to praise God in your daily life?**

Now, for a few practical and administrative updates:

As you may have heard, St John's will be participating in the **Archdiocesan Love One Another Capital Campaign** beginning in January 2023. This is the Archbishop's initiative to help bring life into both the local Church throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and in our own parish. I am looking forward to the possibilities that the capital campaign will give us to evangelize and catechize the young people of our parish family, teach and learn how to pray, and care for our buildings and facilities that help us to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ! While we can't do everything, if you see an opportunity, need or concern in our parish, I am always willing to listen and hear good ideas! More information about the Love One Another campaign will be coming as we get closer to January.

September Days...



Now that the Labor Day weekend is here and the first days of school are over, September is a perfect time to discover the extraordinary ways our Catholic faith gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Here are some ways for families, and for all of us, to do that:

Help Other People

The feast day of one of our newest saints, Mother Teresa, who served the needs of the poor on the streets of Calcutta in India is this Monday. This is a great time for the entire family to begin doing something special for those who are less fortunate. Create a Caring and Sharing Box in which family members can place clothing, toys, coins, or other possessions that they want to share with others. Empty the box on a regular basis and take your children with you when you donate the items to St. Vincent de Paul or other charitable organizations.

Make Mass Extraordinary

- Decide ahead of time which Mass to attend.
- Set out everyone's clothes so getting ready is not a hassle.
- Sit in front so children can see.
- Bring children to the Communion line even if they are too young to receive.
- Celebrate good behavior by doing something special after Mass.

Celebrate the Cross in Your Home

September 14 is a feast day celebrating the Triumph of the Cross of Christ. Make it a point on this feast day to bless your children and let them bless you. Remind your children that they were all anointed with the Sign of the Cross on their forehead when they were baptized. You might want to give family members a small cross to carry in their pockets on this special day as a reminder to pray for help when difficulties arise.

Angel Power

September 29 is the feast day of three important angels called "archangels".

- St. Michael is sometimes called the Prince of Angels. He is a champion of good and leader of God's army. We pray to him to help overcome temptations.
- St. Gabriel is the angel who appeared to Our Lady and asked if she would be the mother of Jesus. We pray to him to help us do God's will in our lives
- St. Raphael is the angel who accompanied a blind man named Tobit on a journey. We pray to him to protect us in our travels.

It's fun to celebrate angels. Remind your children that they each have a guardian angel who was sent by God to watch over them.

Find God in the Present

We all know people who live their lives looking back at the past. We also know people who are always stressing about the future. Our Catholic faith teaches that God gives us the grace needed to deal with whatever is happening in the present moment, so make it a point this month to look for God in each ordinary moment and help others with whom you live and work to do the same.

Adapted from: Duquin, Lorena Hadley. "Ordinary Days, Extraordinary Times..". Teachingcatholickids.com. September, 2019.

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



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KOHLER SCHOOLS: 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

With the start of September, we look to the start of school and with that, the start of our Religious Education school year! We are excited to welcome all of our students and their families back from grades 7-12!! Thank you for ALL of your continued prayers and support of our program. Please continue to keep us in your good prayers and especially for our 12th grade students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 2. What a blessing to be united in prayer and love as a family of believers here at St. John Evangelist. During our upcoming year of faith formation, we hope to grow in our prayer life, since that is directly related to our faith. Just as our physical bodies need air to breathe and live and grow, our souls need prayer to breathe and live and grow. As well, during this call to Eucharistic Revival by the U.S. Bishops, we will focus more intently on the amazing gift of Jesus really and truly present in the Eucharist and the powerful encounter of Him at every Mass. Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who grew up in a small town in Illinois, became famous as Archbishop of New York and his Emmy-winning TV show in the 1950's called "Life is Worth Living" and is on his way to Sainthood, described the Mass like this...."Why did our Blessed Lord use bread and wine as the elements of this Memorial? First of all, because no two substances in nature better symbolize unity than bread and wine. As bread is made from a multiplicity of grains of wheat, and wine is made from a multiplicity of grapes, so the many who believe are one in Christ. Second, no two substances in nature have to suffer more to become what they are than bread and wine. Wheat has to pass through the rigors of winter, be ground beneath the Calvary of a mill, and subjected to purging fire before it can become bread. Grapes in their turn must be subjected to the Gethsemane of a wine press and have their life crushed from them to become wine. Thus, do they symbolize the Passion and Sufferings of Christ, and the condition of Salvation, for Our Lord said, unless we die to ourselves, we cannot live in Him." Our hope and prayer in Religious Education each year is not just to "know about" Jesus and His Church, but more importantly, to KNOW Jesus and His Church. A Trappist monk from the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky, Fr. M. Raymond said "*Today's troubles are tomorrow's wheat and wine, for we must make our lives a Mass.*" Be assured of our thanks and prayers for holding in prayer these precious children of God. See you at Mass.

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



CLC Service Project For Anchor of Hope

We are putting together small gift bags with notes of encouragement to offer hope and support to expectant mothers at Anchor of Hope. Please bring donations of small gifts for the moms, including white baby sock and small gift bags to the Blue Room at Blessed Trinity or the Gathering Space at St. John Evangelist **by September 26th**. Cash donations are welcome as well.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 10.

FINANCIAL: AUGUST 27/28:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,240.00.



SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **SUNDAY, September 11**. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Human Concerns Committee.

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF SEPTEMBER 3/4 & 10/11

MASSES	Saturday, September 3, 5:30 pm	Sunday, September 4, 9:00 am	Saturday, September 10, 5:30 pm	Sunday, September 11, 9:00 am
Lector	Angela Bustos	Julia Rodemeier	Cate Smith	Norah or Holly Justinger
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Mel Free		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	John Debrauske Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin	Mel Free Kevin Smith	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi

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

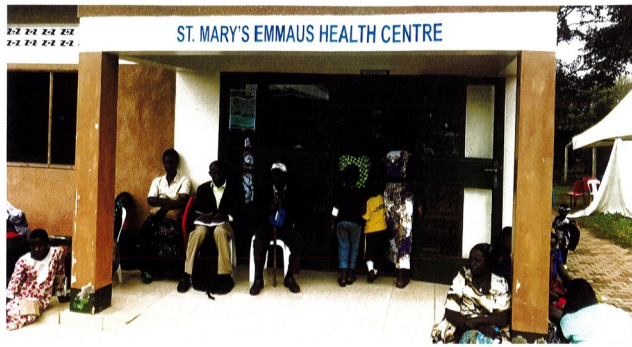


FISH FRY: St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, September 9** in Van Treeck Hall, Lower Level from **4:30 to 7:00 pm**. There will be lightly breaded fish with your choice of french fries or potato salad and coleslaw or applesauce. They will also have grilled cheese or grilled ham and cheese made to order. Desserts will also be available for sale by the 8th grade CCA students. All are welcome.



Women of Christ Conference: Will be held on **Saturday November 5th** at Washington County Fair Park in West Bend, WI. There may be an opportunity to carpool to the conference. For more information and registration go to www.womenofchrist.net Any questions? Please contact Elly Weber at 920 627-2742.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.



**COME LEARN ABOUT:
EAST AFRICA, KATIKAMU,
UGANDA MEDICAL AND SPIRITUAL ASPECTS**

by
Fulgensio Katoche
Director of the Emmaus Medical Center

on
Tuesday, September 13th
6:30 pm
at **St. John's Catholic Church**
Kohler, WI

Fulgensio



hosted by Dr. Mark and Mary Knabel

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!



Focus on Us Marriage Ministry:

Featuring a new program this Fall –“The Choice Wine” from Paradisus Dei, creator of “That Man is You”. This program features seven steps to a superabundant marriage. Integrating the latest findings from modern science with the timeless teaching of the faith and the wisdom of the saints, it places authentic marital happiness within every couple's reach.

The Seven Steps to a SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE: 1. Honor your Wedding Vows 2. Use money for others 3. Give God some of your time 4. Set your mind on the things above 5. Find God in yourself 6. Find God in other people 7. Make it easy to be good and hard to be bad. The program is hosted by Sala and Kevin Sander and takes place on the second Friday of each month, starting September 9 at 7 p.m. at St Clement Parish- Dominican Hall, 522 New York Avenue. Sheboygan (920)457-4629 (\$10 book cost)

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!



CLC Calendar – September/October 2022



- September 6 -**Seated Chair Exercise**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- September 7 -Bishop Barron's *The Mystery of God*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- September 8 -Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, BT Gathering Area
- September 9 -First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass, SJE Gathering Space
- September 12 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- September 13 -Medicare: Open Enrollment, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- September 14-Bishop Barron's *The Mystery of God*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- September 14 -Movie Matinee "*The Blind Side*", 1:30-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- September 15-Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- September 20 -**Health and Wellness Discussion: Wellness Review**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- September 21-Bishop Barron's *The Mystery of God*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- September 25 -**The Search Episode 4**, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- September 26 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- September 27-**Osteoporosis** presented by Prevea, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-AR
- September 28-Bishop Barron's *The Mystery of God*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- October 4 -Tour of Nourish Farms, Sheboygan Falls, 10:00-11:00 am
- October 4 -Catholic Life Center Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, CLC-PMR
- October 5 -Bishop Barron's *The Mystery of God*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- October 7 -First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass, SJE Gathering Space
- October 9 -**The Search Episode 5**, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- October 10 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- October 12 -Bishop Barron's *The Mystery of God*, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- October 12 -Movie Matinee-"*Lilies of the Field*", 1:30-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- October 13 -Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, BT Gathering Area
- October 15 -Young Adult Mass, Camp Y-Koda, Time TBA
- October 18 -**Advance Directives**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- October 20 -Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- October 23 -**The Search Episode 6**, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Gathering Space
- October 24 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR

November 6 -Bus Trip to Memories Dinner Theater in Port Washington

CLC-MR and CLC-AR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room and Assembly Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.



Dear Padre,

It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early

Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs,

dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father’s embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019

Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
1 Cor 5:1–8
Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1–11
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25–31
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1–4a
or Rom 8:28–30
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23
or 1:18–23

Friday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
1 Cor 10:14–22
Lk 6:43–49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 11
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7–11, 13–14
1 Tm 1:12–17
Lk 15:1–32
or 15:1–10

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent.

Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.