

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:30 pm  
 Sunday.....9:00 am  
 Wednesday & Friday .....7:00 am  
 1st Friday-Pine Haven.....10:00 am  
 2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....10:00 am

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

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## PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Monday-Friday at 6:40 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Individual: By appointment

1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity

3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 17/18

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am
Lectors	Susan Vavra	Charlotte Bullard
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 17.



*"Rejoice  
with me ...  
I have found  
my sheep that  
was lost."*

Luke 15:6, NRSV

## From Father Schmeckel:

We continue our reflections and considerations about the Eucharistic Prayer. At this point, I should clarify something. By these reflections that I am offering, I am not suggesting that you need to think and pray about each and every single word and idea in the prayer. Rather, if one or two ideas stick with you, you could use those to help you to pray better and pay closer attention to the prayers of the Mass. With that caveat, let's continue with the words of the first Eucharistic Prayer where we left off last week. The priest continues praying:



**"...for the redemption of their souls,**  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true."

That first line should cause us to pause. What is our highest hope for the people we pray for at Mass? **For the redemption of their souls.** The Second Vatican Council wanted to focus on this when the Council Fathers wrote and spoke about the liturgy. First and foremost, the Mass is about worship of God. The second purpose of the Mass is the sanctification of humanity. It means that we pray for Grandma, Mom and Dad, our coworkers, our friends, and ourselves **so that we become holy.** Of course, health and well-being are important things to pray for, but more importantly is getting to heaven. At every Mass, we pray for the redemption of the souls of those we pray for.

Then, the priest continues the prayer:

"In communion with those whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
and blessed Joseph, her spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,  
Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas,  
James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude;  
Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian,  
Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul,  
Cosmas and Damian and all your Saints..."

That first line says it all: **In communion with those whose memory we venerate.** When we come to the Mass, we are not alone. We are joined in prayer by Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and Saint Joseph, and all of the Apostles, Saints and Martyrs of every age. This should be a great encouragement to us if we are saddened or feel alone in our lives. Even at our worst moments, we are never alone. These words of the Eucharistic Prayer remind us of our heavenly friends and the supernatural character of every Mass.

## FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 3/4:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,974.59.



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

# MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	September 13	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†John Markgraf by Paul & Helen Morgan
Wednesday	September 14	St. John's	7:00 am	†Juergen Pietzner by Family
Thursday	September 15	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bill O'Neill by Jim & Heidi O'Neill
Friday	September 16	St. John's	7:00 am	Special Intention for Clay Scherb & Family by Bette Kreisa Kluge & Bob Kluge
Saturday	September 17	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Edwin Sabel & Dick Gilsdorf by Family
Saturday	September 17	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Phyllis Biskup
Sunday	September 18	St. John's	9:00 am	†Orv & Dorene Hoerz
Sunday	September 18	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE 4K - GRADE 6:

This past Wednesday, we held our first Religious Education Family Mass of this 2022-23 school year. Fr. Schmeckel celebrated the Mass and asked all children, teens and adults present to do three things this year and beyond: to attend Mass every Sunday; to pray for 5 minutes every day; and to carry a rosary. Great goals for this new year!



This coming Wednesday our students will attend their first Religious Education classes of this 2022-23 school year. Our Volunteer Catechists and Program Assistants will be ready to greet them, and to help "plant the seeds of faith" within them. We are expecting more than 70 4K-Grade 6 children.

From now until May we will have three "In-School" classes each month. Our Religious Education Program begins at 4:00 PM. when all children come into Church to learn and pray together. Then students and Teachers/Catechists go to their classrooms until classes end at 5:15 PM. This enables us to meet the Archdiocesan requirements of approximately 25 to 30 hours of Religious Education Instruction per year for children enrolled in our program.

We are grateful for our Teacher/Catechists and Program Assistants: **Lorrie Free, Lori Lee, Patti Wenberg, Rich Tauferner, Delair Avery, Crystal Perez, Meriel Radloff, Susan Vavra and Substitute Steve Kovacs**, and thank them for their willingness to share their faith and help parents keep the promises that they made when their children were baptized.

As we know, it takes all of us, parishioners, parents/grandparents/family members, Teachers/Catechists and other program support volunteers, to teach and nurture our children. Please pray for these children, and ask God to bless them and their families in a special way during this "new year". If you are interested in helping "plant the seeds of faith" please contact me. Your involvement, assistance and support will be greatly appreciated!

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



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

On this 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, our readings today focus on the absolute, crazy, extravagant, radical, divine mercy of God! In our first reading from Exodus, we have the beautiful exchange between God and Moses about the depravity and lack of trust by the Israelites (after all God had done for them!) culminating with the final sentence "so the Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people." (Ex.32:14). Then we have Paul's first letter to Timothy where Paul admits that he is a sinner saved by grace and that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1Tm1:15). Then our Gospel today from Luke is the familiar parable of the Prodigal son. Though we may have heard this story countless times, never take for granted the absolute, crazy, extravagant, radical, divine mercy of the Father! With today also being the 21st anniversary of 9/11, we understand that our world has suffering, violence and brokenness, but we can never give into despair or fear! Our readings and our faith remind us that God is ALWAYS present and that He always has a rescue plan, though we may not see it or understand it at the time. Did you hear that amid the carnage of the Twin Towers in New York City, a 20-foot tall steel-beam cross was found, along with other crosses randomly at the base of it? Several days later, firefighters and engineers realized that the beams came from the two different buildings and when they crashed into each other, they formed a cross, forged by the intensity of the explosion. Was that a random occurrence? I like to think that it was a reminder to "be not afraid, I am with you" and that in the midst of all the chaos and confusion, God is present. And you know what? God is present right now in your life and in the Eucharist that we receive at every Mass. So, even if our lives are messy, broken, and complicated, we can recall today's Psalm 51 and "let us rise and go to our Father" and there we will find that absolute, crazy, extravagant, radical, divine mercy of God! See you at Mass.

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



Thank you to all of our RE families who participated in our RE Kickoff Mass this past Wed., Sept. 7! Fr. Schmeckel gave our first "homework assignment" as he encouraged everyone to practice three habits to grow in our faith. They are:

1. Attend Mass EVERY Sunday!
2. Pray EVERYDAY for 5 minutes
3. Always carry a rosary in your pocket to remind you of Jesus and Mary

Everyone was given a blessed rosary on their way out of Church after Mass was done. This was a wonderful way to "fall" in love with Jesus as we begin our new school year! See you at Class and Mass!



### WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Angela Cortes & Eduardo Nader and daughter Angela. Please welcome them to the St. John Evangelist Family.

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

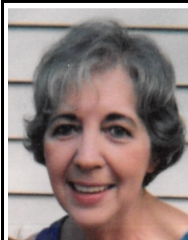
BLESSED TRINITY, SHEBOYGAN FALLS  
SEPTEMBER 24, 8:30 a.m.-Noon

SPEAKERS, MUSIC &  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY,  
DESIGNED FOR THOSE  
IN ALL MINISTRIES



**The Mission Society:** The Mission Society will resume quilting activities on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 8:30 a.m. The Mission room is located in the lower level. It is accessible by using either the stairwell from the Religious Education wing or the elevator in the gathering space. All are welcome. If you have questions please contact Lorrie Free at 920-234-2424.



## BORN TO ETERNAL

**LIFE:** Darlene Rach passed away on Thursday, September 1. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 11:00 am at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Please remember Darlene and her family in your prayers.



**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Audrey Olive, daughter of Jeffrey & Anna Schmit was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, September 4. Please continue to pray for Audrey and her family.



## 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](mailto:rbckluge@gmail.com).



# St. Anne Society

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

**When: Sunday, September 18, 2022**

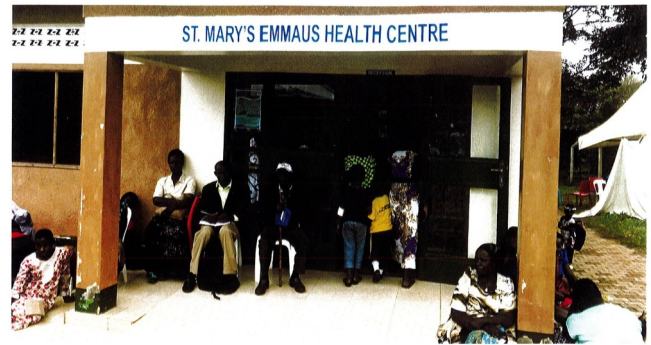
**Time: 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass)**

**Where: St. John's Church Hall (lower level)**

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! (Brunch provided. RSVP not required - bring a friend!)



**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

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5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Any questions? Please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623 or stjohnev@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.



## Bus Trip to Memories Dinner Theater In Port Washington!

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Bus Leaves at 11:30 am **from SJE**

Dinner at 12:30 pm

Show at 1:45 pm

Arrives back by 5:30 pm **at SJE**

By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, & Jamie Wooten

The non-stop hilarity of this Southern-fried farce highlights one day in the life of the Wilburn family. Meet D. Gene Wilburn, the owner of the Reel 'EmInn, a fishing lodge in the Ozarks. Lately, business is down. The lone guest who's just checked in, Carmine DeLuca, is there due to a location shift in the Witness Protection Program. D. Gene's wife is fed up with their lackluster romantic life, but wants to improve it however she can. D. Gene's sister, has her own problems, but is determined to prove her worth. She never anticipated the gangster, that Carmine has been dodging, would walk through the door. By the end of day, love blossoms, truths are revealed, and the lives of all changed in incredible and surprising ways.

### Plated Dinner Menu

- Roast Beef (GF)
- Honey Glazed Sweet Potatoes (GF)
- Steamed Vegetable Blend (GF)
- Dinner Salad with French Dressing (UR)
- Warm Dinner Rolls (UR)
- Memories Famous Fluff (UR)
- Chocolate Cream Puffs

**Sign up by September 29th! Bus will fill up. \$66 per person. Return to CLC or parish office.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

\$66 x \_\_\_\_\_ (number of people) = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total) Enclosed

**Payment: Cash or Checks (made out to Blessed Trinity Parish)**



# Dear Padre,

**My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?**

**W**hen my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism"

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask

others to help support their child's

faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.



WITAYA RATANASIRIKULCHAI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.*

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13