WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 TWENTY-FIFTH 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

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PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

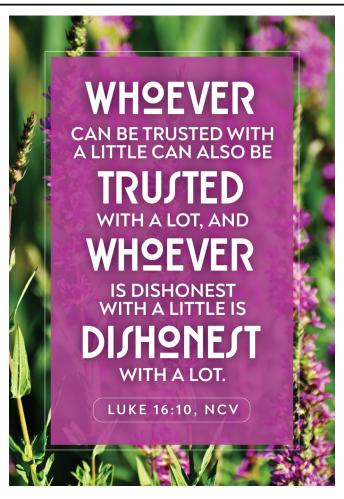
Monday-Friday at 6:40 am

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 24/25					
MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am			
Lectors	Beth Zadalis	Steve O'Neil			
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Clyde or Sharon Kometer			
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild			
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil			

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 24.



From Father Schmeckel:

Next weekend, we are **pleased to welcome Father Simon Njuguna Waweru** from the Assumptionists for our Mission Appeal Sunday! He will be the principial celebrant of all our weekend Masses and preach and share about the apostolates and work of the Assumptionists. Father Simon's presence and preaching is an important reminder to all of us that the work of the Church is bigger than our own backyard. The Good News of Jesus Christ has to be shared in every nook, cranny, and corner of the world. I encourage you to help warmly welcome Father Simon and consider supporting the Assumptionists' mission as you are able to do.



Now, we continue our study of the Eucharistic Prayer. I hope that these reflections and thoughts continue to help you enter more fully into the prayers, words, and gestures of the Mass each Sunday.

In last week's bulletin, we left off calling upon a long list of Saints to pray for us and to help us worship God during Mass. We mention the Apostles, such as Peter, Paul and Andrew. We mention the first Martyrs of the first century, such as Linus, Cletus and Clement (the second, third, and fourth Pope!). Imagine how the Christians of their time and hundreds of years later told the stories of these Saints and Martyrs! Almost all of them died as martyrs. People must have been so moved by their courage, their faith and their love. As we hear the names of these particular saints, it should call to mind our own patron saints. It should be an encouragement to ask them for their prayers and intercession in our daily lives. Who are the Saints you pray to the most? Who are the Saints whose stories inspire you to live a more Christian life? Can you tell their stories to other people?

On a personal note, there are three Saints/"Blesseds" that I ask for help every day: St Benedict, St Maximilian Kolbe, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Along with all the Saints who are mentioned by name, I am confident that these heavenly friends of mine also help me to pray better at Mass. They also help point me to Jesus throughout each day. I encourage you to read more about your favorite Saints, ask for their help and prayers every day, and tell their stories often and well to your family and friends.

Finally, I will be away from our parishes from September 24-30. I have a wedding at my previous assignments, and then a couple days to relax and to pray a bit extra! If you need anything during that time, please contact our parish offices and they'll connect you with the right people. Know of my prayers for you and your families – pray for me, too!

FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER

10/11: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,812.58.



MEETINGS:

- Religious Education Committee Meeting on **Monday**, **September 19 at 7:00 pm** in the Religious Education Wing.
- Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday, september 20 at 6:30 pm in the lower level conference room.

MASS INTENTIONS

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, †Bruecker & McGinnis Families by Bill McGinnis
Sunday	September 18	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	September 20	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bill Jens & Zach Mauer by Jens Family
Wednesday	September 21	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Thursday	September 22	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†LeRoy Frances Juckem
Friday	September 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by Michelle & JJ
				Douglas
Saturday	September 24		4:00 pm	†Larry Kissinger by Sabel Family
Saturday	September 24	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig
				by Family
Sunday	September 25		9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 25	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family,
				†Rosemary Eigenberger & Terry LeMahieu by
				Paul & Jessica

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:

As part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the faith that Catechists five to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children, the Church began what we know today as Catechetical Sunday.

Always the third Sunday in September, this weekend we celebrate and come together as both a Parish and Church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as Catechists in our parish family. Parents and guardians are also honored because they are the true First Catechist, sharing the Catholic Faith with their families. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of Faith.

Thank you to all who share their Catholic Faith with our children/youth/young adults of our parish and beyond.

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

2022 - 2023 CATECHIST:

4K - Grade 6 Grades 7 - 12

Lorrie Free Lori Lee Susan Vavra Lynn Justinger Patti Wenberg Rich Tauferner Mark Weber Nick Cinquepalmi

Delair Avery Crystal Perez Jen Meyer Meriel Radloff Steve Kovac Ken Udovich

NEW SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES:



Beginning October 2, Father Schmeckel will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Sunday from **8:00 - 8:45 am** prior to Mass, and every **First Friday** of the month from **6:00 - 6:45 am**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the Confessional that is located on the left side of church facing the altar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today's readings on this 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, deal with money, the poor, how we treat others and our attachment to stuff! It is basically summed up in the last sentence of today's Gospel from Luke (16:13), "you cannot serve both God and mammon!" I have heard it said that we are called to "love



people and use things and NOT to love things and use people." Perhaps a good, long gaze upon a crucifix will help us to get this right. Indeed, we have to provide for our families and loved ones, but as children of God, we are also called to love our neighbors. In the Collect of today's Mass, the priest prayed "O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life." Aww, so there is the secret to dealing with money and possessions, knowing that time is short, eternity is long and that all we can bring with us at our judgment is love, and God sees this as sacrifice. Again, look at a crucifix to see what sacrificial love truly looks like. So how do we live in the world, but not of the world? By doing little things with great love, as many Saints have shown us by their lives. We are familiar with the hymn, "whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me..." As Catholics, we are called to follow Jesus, but in this world, we may wonder "Where is God?" St. Mother Teresa gives us an answer when she wrote, "we believe He is everywhere. He is the Creator, He is everything. But where is He to my human eyes? To make it possible for me to see the face of God with my human eyes, He has made himself the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless one, the lonely one." She also said, "if you want to change the world, go home and love your family." Today, I choose love! See you at Mass, where true sacrificial love resides!

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsie.ora



■ **☆ ■** The Mission Society: The Mission Society will resume quilting! 💶 activities on Tuesday, September!

20 at 8:30 a.m. The Mission room is I 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.

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

ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED: Rosary Leaders are needed to lead the rosary 20 minutes before the Saturday & Sunday Masses during the month of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary. Please call Rich Tauferner at 920-918-5066 to volunteer. Thank you.



BEGINS!: All voices **CHOIR** welcome!

practice is ◆ First Tuesday, September 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

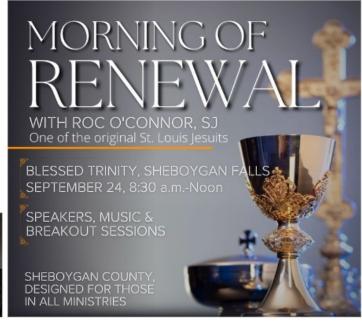
- Sing on Sunday, September 25 at 9:00
- Combined Confirmation Practice on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm
- Sing at Confirmation on Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm at St. John Evangelist.

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.





MOTHER'S GROUP at

ST JOHN EVANGELIST

For parents and caregivers of birth through age 5 to gather with their children to socialize and support each other.

Program will include story time, songs, crafts and a snack.

WHEN: Begins Monday, October 3, and then continues on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month 9:00 to 10:30 am

WHERE: St. John Evangelist Parish 601 Valley Road, Kohler





Enter: Through the south set of doors off of the parking lot. Follow signs to the classroom.

Questions:

Contact Natalie Kohlhagen at 920-254-7616 or Mary Waitkus at 920-467-4616 ROSARY RALLY: Come join us for the annual America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15. begins at noon at Sheridan Park on South 14th Street in Sheboygan. It is one of over 20,000 rallies throughout the United States where people will gather to pray for the conversion and protection of our country and our families. We will be there rain or shine, and if you would like to sit while praying the rosary please bring a chair. Any questions call Margaret Reinbold 920-457-5260.



CATHOLIC MEN'S PROGRAM

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

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

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!)

Join us for a weekly Bible Study at St. John Evangelist!: First meeting will be held on Thursday September 22 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the St. John Evangelist Parish Gathering Space. Read and discuss the Bible in a group setting. The Bible Study will begin with discussing the Sunday readings. Then participants will decide on future topics. Contact Tom Reilly at treilly53044@gmail.com or Mary Waitkus at maryw@btsje.org for questions or to sign up.



Prayer for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

September 25, 2022

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

> Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Pope Francis | Rome, Saint John Lateran, May 9, 2022

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CHARITY CLUB: Catholic Women's Charity Club (CWCC) annual Fall Luncheon will be held Wednesday, October 5, 2022 in Van Treeck Hall at St. Peter Claver Church starting with Social at 11:30 and Luncheon at 12 Noon. Tickets -\$8.00; Available at Johnston's Bakery in Sheboygan, until September 30, 2022. Program Speaker will be Travis Gross, Executive Director of the Sheboygan County Historical Society. Guests and women interested in joining the club are welcome to attend. For further information regarding CWCC check out our website http:// catholicwomenscharityclub.weebly.com or contact Membership Chairperson, Jane (920.918.7855) or any member. Members in need of a ride can contact Virginia (783-8249), Mary (467-9679), or Mary (458-5297).

Dear Padre,

A friend sent me a copy of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper. It was founded by one of his heroes, Dorothy Day. What can you tell me about her?

D orothy Day was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1897. She finished high school at age sixteen and joined the Socialist Party in 1914 as a college student. She converted to Catholicism in 1927.

During the Great Depression, Dorothy's commitment to the poor deepened. In 1932 she met Peter Maurin, with whom she founded the Catholic Worker Movement. In 1933 she created *The Catholic Worker* newspaper, through which



she proclaimed the rights of workers to dignity and to fair and honest treatment by industry and government, landlords, and neighbors. Her prolabor and antiwar beliefs caused her to be labeled a Communist, but she was never a member of the Communist Party.

Dorothy's concern for social justice grew—among other things, she worked with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. She was orthodox, pious, and had a deep sense of Catholic morality.

She died in 1980. In 2000, St. John Paul II granted the Archdiocese of New York permission to open a cause for Dorothy

Day's sainthood. That cause was endorsed in 2012 by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who called her "a saint for our time." In December 2021, Servant of God Dorothy Day's cause advanced from the Archdiocese of New York to the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

In these times when social concerns are so important, I cannot fail to mention the Servant of God Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints.

ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF US CONGRESS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 19 Weekday

Prv 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

> Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 Lk 8:19–21

> > Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1–7, 11–13

Mt 9:9–13

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday Eccl 1:2–11

Lk 9:7–9

Friday
SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest

Eccl 3:1–11

Lk 9:18–22

Saturday SEPTEMBER 24 Weekday

Eccl 11:9—12:8 Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 25 Twenty–sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4–7 1 Tm 6:11–16

Lk 16:19-31

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