

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**OCTOBER 16, 2022 TWENTY-NINTH 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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**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 Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

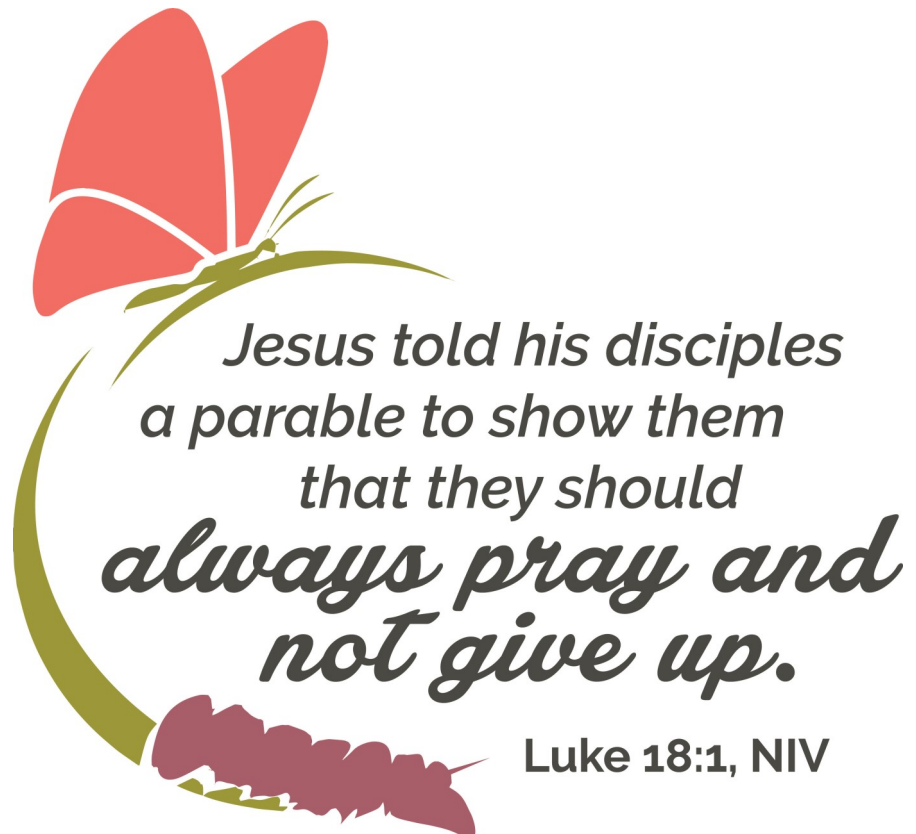
1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity

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

## LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 22/23

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Angela Bustos	Steve O'Neil Paul Garni
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 on Saturday, October 22 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, October 23 from 8:00 - 8:45 am



*Jesus told his disciples  
a parable to show them  
that they should  
always pray and  
not give up.*

**Luke 18:1, NIV**

## From Father Schmeckel:

Last Friday night, I attend **Saint Francis de Sales Seminary's** annual fundraising dinner along with several parish staff members. This year there was a record turnout - nearly 2,000 people in attendance! The event helps to support the seminary's mission of forming new priests to serve in parishes and do all the other things that priests do. Being at the dinner brings back memories of my time in seminary. When I started in the fall of 2014, there were only 25 men living there and studying to be priests. This fall, there are over 80 men in formation – and they're running out of space for bedrooms, classrooms, and dining rooms! When I talk to the seminarians, I am re-inspired by their zeal, their love for God and His Church, and their joy. The tremendous growth in both numbers and quality is a testament to God's goodness and to the good work happening at the seminary and throughout the Archdiocese. Pray for these men who will, God willing, be our parish priests one day!



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At the end of the evening, one of the emcees gave a challenge to all the parishes in the Archdiocese. He challenged every parish in the Archdiocese to send one new seminarian to Saint Francis de Sales Seminary next fall. His challenge is another reminder to **pray and work for vocations to the priesthood and religious life**. Priests, nuns, and brothers do not just magically pop up out of nowhere. They come from families and communities. I extend that challenge to our parishes: Who are the young men and women in our parishes who should be thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Have you told them that they would make a good priests or sisters? Do you pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, holy marriage, and generous single life? If you know of young men or women (in high school or college) that are open to the priesthood or sisterhood, please tell me their names so that I can pray for them or encourage them in any way possible!

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In the week ahead, we celebrate an **awesome lineup of Saints**.

Monday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch – Bishop and Martyr, who died in 107 and wrote beautifully about the Eucharist.

Tuesday, October 18: Saint Luke the Evangelist – who wrote the third Gospel and tells us a lot about Mary and the birth of Jesus.

Wednesday, October 19: Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions – Jesuit priests who died excruciating deaths as martyrs while bringing the Gospel to the indigenous people throughout New York and Canada.

Saturday, October 22: Saint John Paul II, the contemporary globe-crossing pope who canonized hundreds of Saints and loved to tell us, "Be not afraid!"

If you are interested in learning more about any of these Saints, there are lots of Catholic videos, movies, books, and resources on FORMED. You can sign up for a FREE subscription on SJE website or go to [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and enter "Blessed Trinity Sheboygan Falls" (but it is supported by both of our parishes). It is a good way to deepen your faith life and learn more about these great Saints that the Church celebrates this week!

# MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	October 15	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Larry Kissinger by Sabel Family, †Barbara Stodor by Ruth Pedroni
Saturday	October 15	St. John's	5:30 pm	Living and Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	October 16	St. John's	9:00 am	†Lydia Turba
Sunday	October 16	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	October 18	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Florian & Dorothy Woelfel
Wednesday	October 19	St. John's	7:00 am	†Juergen Pietzner by Jeanne Bitkers
Thursday	October 20	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Tony Woelfel
Friday	October 21	St. John's	7:00 am	†Jean Trimmel by Dennis & Sharon Marks
Saturday	October 22	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Rev. Anthony Schueller by Pauline Dicke, †Geri Widder by Len Widder
Saturday	October 22	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Bruce & Mary Ann Erickson by their children
Sunday	October 23	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 23	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Eugene McCabe by Marilyn McCabe

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today on this 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, our readings focus on prayer! Just like our bodies need air to live, our souls need prayer to live. The best definition of prayer that I have ever heard is by Ralph Martin where he said that "Prayer is just paying attention." Though prayer can be memorized words like those said in the Rosary or at mealtime or in the Divine Mercy chaplet, which are all good and efficacious, prayer truly is just a conversation between us and God. We talk to Him and He listens and He talks to us and we listen. In today's Collect at Mass, the priest says "grant that we may always conform our will to yours" and there is the true essence of prayer! We don't pray to get God to change His mind and do our will, but rather we ask with humility and sincerity of heart for us to trust and obey God's will in every situation, no matter what. I have heard it also said that "prayer is the nerve that moves the hand of God." This too is a good explanation of prayer for we see in today's readings that our persistence and devotion can make a difference since we recited in today's Psalm 121 that "our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Look back at your own life and in the history of civilization and you will be reminded of God's goodness and intercession in the events of the world and your world! Our focus this year in 7-12th grade Religious Education is on prayer. At the start of our school year, all students and teachers received a prayer journal titled "Every day a holy day" and that is what we are trying to do in and out of class!! Essentially, prayer is all about relationship as we stay in daily communion with God, our Father! St. Teresa of Avila, whose feast day we just celebrated yesterday on October 15, said "you pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him" so ask big!! See you at Mass (our highest form of prayer!).



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

**Substitute Catechists:** The Religious Education program is always in need of substitutes on Wednesday afternoons for Grades 4k to Grade 6 from 4:00 to 5:15 PM or on Wednesday evenings for Grades 7-12 from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. You will be called in advance if possible. Materials and lessons will be ready for you. Please consider being a substitute. If you are 18 years or older, you must attend an Archdiocesan Safeguarding All God's Family session and complete a criminal background check before you can begin. Please contact: Jeanne Bitkers, Teresa Bettag or call the Parish Office to volunteer. Special thanks to: Nick Cinquepalmi, Jana Girdaukas, Steve Kovacs and Sharon Reilly who have already served as Substitute Catechists during this new school year.





**2022 PET BLESSING:** On Sunday, October 9, to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Schmeckel blessed pets. In attendance were many family members along with their dogs, a few cats, guinea pigs and a bearded dragon. It was a beautiful day for families and parishioners to socialize with their furry family members and each other. Thank you to everyone who made this First Annual Pet Blessing a holy, fun filled time.



**CHOIR:** All voices welcome!

- ♦ Practice **Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm**
- ♦ Sing **Sunday, October 23 at 9:00 am**

### ROSARY LEADERS NEEDED:



**Saturday, October 15: Jeffrey Rammer Freye**

**Sunday, October 16: Rich Tauferner**

**Saturday, October 22: Dan & Diane Dohms**

**Sunday, October 23: Lois Multer**

Rosary Leaders are still needed to lead the rosary 20 minutes before the Saturday October 29 Mass. If you can lead any of those days, please call Rich Tauferner at 920-918-5066 to volunteer. Thank you.



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](mailto:rbckluge@gmail.com).

### MOTHER'S GROUP AT ST. JOHN EVANGELIST:



Moms Group

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. Next gathering is **Monday, October 17 from 9:00 until 10:30 pm** in the Religious Education classroom. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Any questions, please contact Natalie at 920-254-7616 or the parish office.



## 40 DAYS OF LIFE:

Truly you have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:13-14

"By God, we are created. For God, we live our given days. To God, we return at the end of our earthly days. And with God, we live through eternity. All human lives, acknowledged or not, are related to God--from beginning to end, throughout eternity." Rev. Paul Stallsworth, Lifewatch (United Methodist Church) Pray for the right to life for God's most vulnerable, the unborn, and for their parents.

Sign up to pray from the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through November 6. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sheboygan), or contact Germaine at 920-918-2310 or Michele at 872-233-9305.



St. Francis

## All Saints Day: Statues wanted...

One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is the remembrance of and prayer with the Saints. We would like to begin a collection of Saint Statues, that are at least 12" high to use during Religious Education classes and at other times during the year. If you have Statues of Saints (over 12 inches high) that you no longer display or need and would be willing to donate them, please place them on the "All Saints Table" in the Gathering Space in Church, or drop them off in the Religious Education Office or Parish Office during the week. Questions: Contact Jeanne Bitkers, [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or 920-452-9623 Ext:220.

**AA Meeting:** Will be held at **noon** beginning on **Saturday, October 22** in the church hall. Please enter through the canopy doors. Any questions, please call 773-209-7907.



**Join us for a weekly Bible Study at St. John Evangelist!** Will meet on **Thursdays 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. Contact Tom Reilly at [treilly53044@gmail.com](mailto:treilly53044@gmail.com) or Mary Waitkus at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) with any questions.



## CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER: We need Nativity Ornaments!

The Catholic Life Center is collecting 1 to 3-inch-wide nativity ornaments during the month of October. It can be part of the nativity like Baby Jesus or the Holy Family or include the whole stable. Remember, it can't be too big as it will be hung on a tree. Please put in the Blue Room at Blessed Trinity Parish or the basket in the Gathering Space at St. John Evangelist Parish by October 31st. The Catholic Life Center is using the ornaments to decorate a Christmas tree in early November to represent St. John & Blessed Trinity Parishes for the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center's "Treemendous Celebration". Our tree along with many others in the community will be on display at the Center from November 26 – December 30, 2022 on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 4 pm to 9 pm. The event is free of charge to all and you can look for your ornament on our tree! Please contact Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) with any questions.





# Dear Padre,

**I'm a recovering heroin addict. Do I need to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin, right?**

**R**ight, but addiction and using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, the "getting it" was a crime.

More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others.

You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

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

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*I encourage all of you...to pursue your commitment to increasing awareness and offering support to those who have emerged from the tunnel of drug addiction....They need our help and accompaniment so that they in turn will be able to ease the pain of so many of our brothers and sisters in difficulty.*

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE ON DRUG ADDICTION,  
DECEMBER 1, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius  
of Antioch,  
Bishop and Martyr

Eph 2:1-10

Lk 12:13-21

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 18

St. Luke,  
Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Lk 10:1-9

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 19

Ss. John de  
Brébeuf and Isaac  
Jogues, Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs

Eph 3:2-12

Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday

OCTOBER 20

Weekday

Eph 3:14-21

Lk 12:49-53

### Friday

OCTOBER 21

Weekday

Eph 4:1-6

Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday

OCTOBER 22

Weekday

Eph 4:7-16

Lk 13:1-9

### Sunday

OCTOBER 23

Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14