

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**JANUARY 28, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday .....	4:00 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:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

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

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

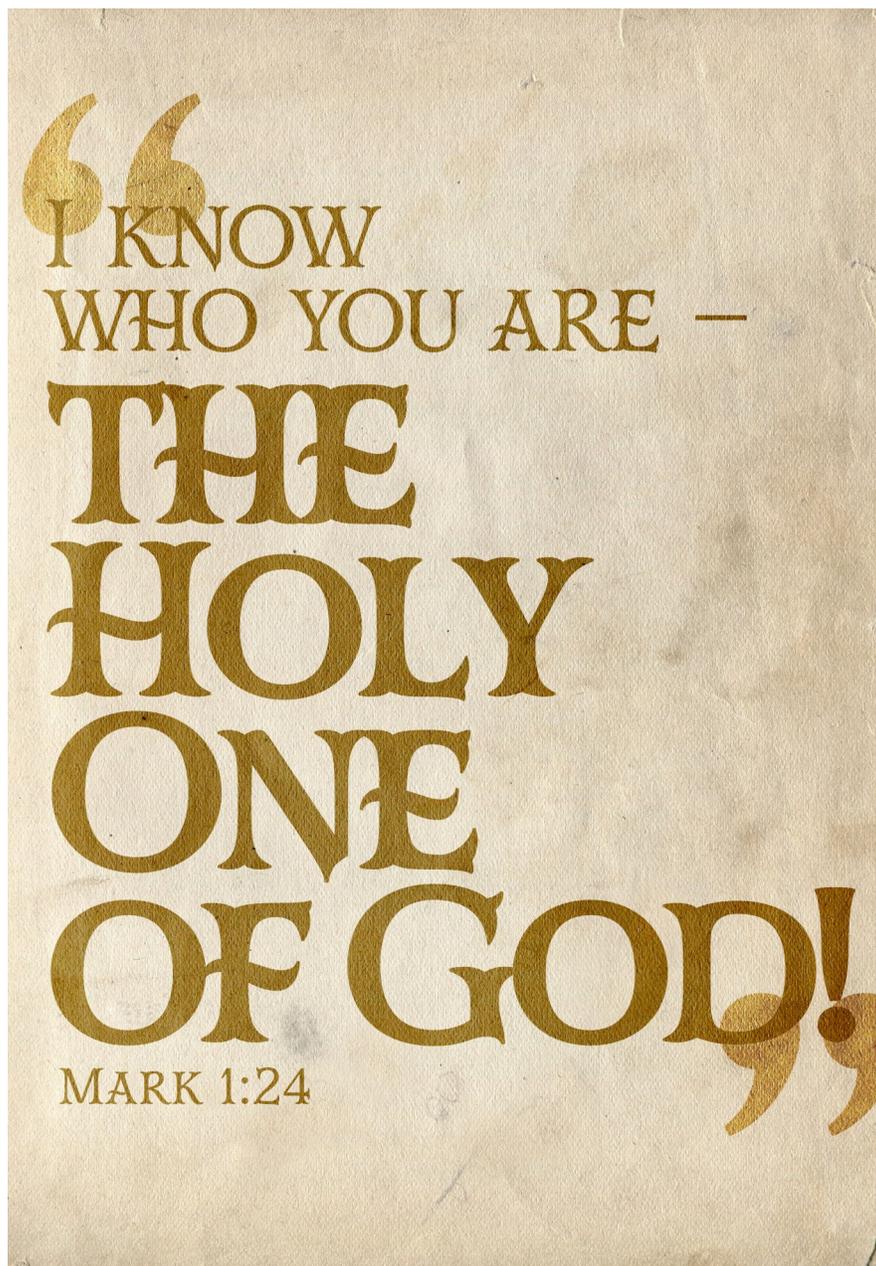
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



Bulletin Submission Deadline: All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

## From Father Schmeckel:

**This Sunday is WINTERFEST from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Saint John Evangelist Parish! Stop by for great food, games, silent auction, and more! A great opportunity for our parishes to gather in fellowship and fun! See you there!**



Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to take my annual silent retreat with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. As Carmelite Sisters devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, their chapel had stained-glass windows with many aspirations to the Heart of our Lord. One of them was, **“Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Thy love for me!”** This one line gave me a lot to think and pray about throughout the week. It is something that all of us can consider and ask: “Do I really believe in the love that Jesus has for me? Does the love of Jesus move and direct the course of my life?” At times, because of many different circumstances, our ‘gut sense’ of His love for us can seem to grow or fade. If we feel more distant from God, we could pray the prayer, that I saw on the window, “Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Thy love for me,” or if even that is too much, we can use the prayer exclaimed in the Gospel, “I believe, help my unbelief!” (See Mark 9:14-29 for the full story.)

While on retreat, I was also able to make progress on two books that have been on my “to-read” shelf for a while. Those are: “A School of Prayer: The Saints Show Us How to Pray”, by Pope Benedict XVI and “Meditations Before Mass”, by Monsignor Romano Guardini.

The first, “A School of Prayer”, by Pope Benedict, is a collection of his Wednesday audiences from May 2011 through October 2012. In these reflections, he discusses many figures and models of prayer, the Scriptures, and many other aspects. While I am not completely finished with this book, it has given me great encouragement and helped me to strengthen my prayer life. This book is thorough, but not unreadable. Sometimes, papal writings can be a bit difficult to digest, but Pope Benedict is a very good writer. If you’re looking for something that is a little more challenging to help bolster your own thinking about and practice of prayer, I highly recommend this book. Reflecting on Psalm 126, Pope Benedict writes this:

*“We must be more attentive to the good things that the Lord gives us. We are always attentive to the problems, to difficulties, and it is as if we did not want to see that there are beautiful things that come to us from the Lord. This attentiveness, which becomes gratitude, is very important for us and creates in us a memory of the good that also helps us in dark hours.” (p. 89)*

In short, Pope Benedict is reminding his readers to be on the lookout for God’s blessings. Noticing and remembering them helps us when difficult times come.

The second book by Monsignor Romano Guardini was also an interesting read. Msgr. Guardini was a priest who influenced many theologians and scholars, especially in things related to the liturgy. (Think Mass, Sacraments, church architecture and music.) He was a part of the liturgical movement that brought about noticeable changes in the Mass before and after the Second Vatican Council. His book, “Meditations before Mass,” is a collection of short meditations or talks that he gave to his parish before Mass. In these short talks, he discusses the importance of the more abstract ways of participating and praying well before and during Mass. Some of these include: ‘Stillness’, ‘The Offertory’, ‘The Altar as Table’ and numerous others. If you are looking for a way to deepen your understanding of Mass, and prayer during Mass, this could be a good book for you. I plan to continue using it for my own prayer and for short talks to our Altar Servers before Mass, too!

# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 27</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Paul Vavra by Elly & Mark Weber Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	January 28	St. John's	9:00 am	
Sunday	January 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Alfonse Reiter by Jim & Lisa Reiter, Special Intention for Allison Norman's Birthday by Kathy & Joe Komaromy
Tuesday	January 30	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	
Tuesday	January 30	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Stephen Voitek by Dottie Diedrich †Tony Woelfel by Duane & Judy Woelfel
Wednesday	January 31	St. John's	7:00 am	
Thursday	February 1	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Sr. Josephine by K & S Schmeling †Fr. Jerome Stoll by Donna Plageman
Friday	February 2	St. John's	7:00 am	
Friday	February 2	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Dick Schaeetz by Michaletz Family †Michel Fort & Family by Pietzner Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 3</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	
Sunday	February 4	St. John's	9:00 am	†James Klopff by Family, †Edward Zimmermann by Family & Friends, †George Hoff by Marlene Hoff
Sunday	February 4	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	
				†Jack Melis by Sarafin Family Mass for Parishioners

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, February 4 and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, February 2 from 6:00 - 6:45 am and on Sunday, February 4 from 8:00 to 8:45 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 4	
MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Steve O'Neil Paul Garni
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rich Tauferner
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey
Greeters	John Egan



**FINANCIAL: JANUARY 21, 2024:**  
Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,505.33.

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Aurora Catherine, daughter of Zachary & Emily Kaiser was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, January 14. Please pray for Aurora and her family.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass  
**10:00 - 2:00 pm WINTERFEST**

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society  
5:30 pm Emmaus 90  
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 am Mass  
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education  
4K- Grade 6  
5:30 - 6:30 pm Finance Council  
6:30 - 8:00 pm Pastoral Council  
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education  
Grades 7 - 12

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:00 - 6:45 am Reconciliation  
7:00 am Mass  
7:30 am First Friday Social

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Monthly Social

## 2023 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:

The 2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal kicks off next weekend February 3/4. A video featuring Archbishop ListECKI explaining the importance of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal will be shown NEXT WEEKEND. St. John Evangelist Parish goal is \$35,190.00. This is the same as the 2023 goal. Thank you to all who donated last year. We are hoping to meet or exceed our CSA goal once again.



## BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:

Adeline Haen passed away January 21, 2024. A funeral Mass was held at St. John's on Saturday, January 27. Please keep Adeline and her family in your prayers.

## SUNDAY SOCIAL:

There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, February 4.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Choir.

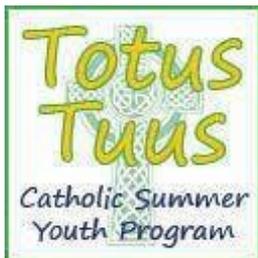


## FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL:

The Catholic Life Center will host a First Friday Social after the 7:00 am Mass on **Friday, February 2.** Please stay for a donut and some coffee.



**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd):** Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things, comes to His temple to be a light for all the nations. Fr. Schmeckel will bless candles at the 7:00 am Mass on Friday, February 2 at Saint John Evangelist Parish. If you have your own candles that you want blessed, please bring them to the Gathering Space before Mass. All candles are blessed at the beginning of Mass. Some blessed candles will be available for home use on the weekend of February 3 and 4.



**TOTUS TUUS (JUNE 23 - 28, 2024):** We are excited to announce that we will be hosting the Totus Tuus Parish Summer Program, a week-long "parish mission" for Catholic youth entering the 1st through 12th grades from **June 23-June 28** here at St. John Evangelist Parish. This Religious Education Summer Program is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. A trained group of young adult "missionaries" will engage the youth of the parish with inspiring, interactive teaching as well as skits, songs, and games throughout the week. Daily Mass and opportunities for Adoration, the Rosary and other Worship experiences will also be provided.

- ◆ Elementary age students (children entering grades 1-6) will meet Monday, June 24th-Friday, June 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ Middle and high school age students (youth entering grades 7-12) will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 23rd - Thursday, June 27th.

Mark your calendar. More information and registration forms will be out on Sunday, February 4.



**REBOOT WITH CHRIS STEFANICK:** Which had been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at St. Dominic Parish has been **cancelled**. If you already purchased tickets to the event, refunds were given this week. You don't have to do anything. If there are any questions, please contact Chelsey Nickel, CWEP at 970-412-9341.

### HOLY TRINITY PARISH 23rd ANNUAL PERCH FRY:

Holy Trinity Parish (11928 Marken Road, School Hill) will be hosting their 22nd annual perch fry on **Friday, February 16**. Carry outs will be available from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm then from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Dine in is available from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. There will also be grilled cheese plates available as well as assorted homemade tortes. Please call 920-773-2380 for carry outs. A flyer is on the bulletin board with more information.



**FOOD PANTRY:** Please continue to bring **non-perishable** goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. They are in need of pasta sauce at this time. **Next Delivery: Monday, February 5, 2024: Joe Hocevar.**



### Feast of St. Blaise & Traditional Blessing of Throats (Saturday, February 3rd):

The feast of Saint Blaise (Bishop and Martyr) is on Saturday, February 3. The tradition of the Blessing of the Throats is attributed to the healing of a young boy who was choking. The two candles used in the ceremony represent the candles brought to Blaise in prison by the boy's mother. We ask St. Blaise to intercede for us that we may be safe from every illness of the throat. Fr. Schmeckel will offer the individual blessing of throats following the **4:00 PM** Mass on **Saturday, February 3** at Blessed Trinity Parish.

# The Catholic Life Center

**Mission:** "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls  
 Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and  
 Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



[www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC](http://www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC)

February 2024



## Bishop Barron's The Mass, 6-part series

CLC-Meeting Room, Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 am

January 17	A Privileged Encounter	February 14	Responding to God
January 24	Called Out of the World	February 21	Preparing for Sacrifice
January 31	God Speaks Our Story	February 28	The Real Presence
February 7	No Class		Creates Communion

Walk through the Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. "The Mass" will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of Christian Life. **\*\*Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

## Tuesday Wellness Programs

CLC-Meeting Room, 10:00-11:00 am



February 6 -Health & Wellness Discussion of Blue Zones. Learn about how people in certain areas of the world live better and longer.

February 27 -Easter/Spring Card Service Project for Pine Haven.

**\*Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



## Finding Balance in Work & Life (Faith-Based)

Tuesday, February 20, 6:00-7:00 pm, St. John Evangelist Church Hall

Registration Required through Great Marriages

This event is about helping people identify what's really important in their lives, identify their different roles, and then create a strategy to find balance. Participants will receive a copy of a time management calendar to use as a template! Speaker: Pastor Andy Shanholtz. Cost: \$5/person (includes materials & snacks). **Register at: [www.great-marriages.org/events](http://www.great-marriages.org/events)**



## Hearing Health

Wednesday, February 7, CLC-Meeting Room

1:00-2:00 pm program

Join us for this presentation on hearing health by Dr. Kathleen Haasch, an audiologist from Medical Hearing Associates. **\*\*Please register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 by Monday, February 5 to ensure that we will have enough seating at the event.**

## Tiny Saints Story Time, 3rd Thursday of the month

February 15, 10:00-10:45 am in St. John Evangelist Classrooms

Ideal for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers.





## First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Friday Coffee is February 2 after the 7:00 am Mass at SJE in the Gathering Space  
Thursday Coffee is February 8 after the 9:00 am Mass at BT in the CLC-Meeting Room

**Walk the Walk...** Our adult walking program has restarted and is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. An elevator is not available. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions, call the CLC.



## Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *A Dog Named Skip*

This comedy-drama film is about a relationship between a shy boy growing up in the 1940's and his dog Skip.

Starring  
Frankie Muniz  
& Kevin Bacon



Wednesday, February 14 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room



**Michelangelo: The Artist** — Thursday, February 22 & 29 from 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC-Meeting Room. This video from the Bishop Barron Series, Catholicism: The Pivotal Players will be shown in two parts. Learn how Michelangelo shaped the life of the church and affected civilization itself.



## Cell Phone Workshop

Tuesday, January 30

3:30-5:00 pm in the CLC-Meeting & Assembly Rooms

This program **requires sign up; seats are limited.** We need to know the type of phone you have and what you would like to learn. There will be separate presentations for Android and Apple phones with time for questions in small groups. Flip phone users are welcome!



\*Register with Mary by January 25 at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

## BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+

Our next social will be a Brunch sometime in March.



\*Contact Mary from the CLC for more information on the group at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

## Enrich Your Sunday

After 9:00 am Mass at St. John Evangelist-Room TBD

February 11-Bishop Barron's The Mass, Lesson 2, Called Out of the World

February 25-Bishop Barron's The Mass, Lesson 3, God Speaks our Story



Walk through the Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Attend at a convenient time after Mass. \*\*Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

# Dear Padre,

**Why is the Old Testament part of Christian worship?  
Parts of the Old Testament seem to be opposed to the  
teachings of Christ.**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says it best: “The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value, for the Old Covenant has never been revoked” (CCC 121).

The Old Testament, also referred to as the Hebrew Scriptures, is the only Bible Jesus ever knew. That is an important reason to try to understand these Scriptures. The Pentateuch (first five books), the prophets, the Book of Psalms, and the wisdom writings all had a profound impact on Jesus. His image of God as Father, his preaching, his parables, and his proclamation of the reign of God were all influenced by the Hebrew Scriptures.

It is true that Jesus’ preaching also goes beyond the Old Testament. At times he substitutes what the law has to say with an even more demanding requirement (see, for example, the Sermon on the Mount). In general, however, the Old Testament forms a context for understanding what Jesus was doing. His passion and death made no sense to his first followers except in light of the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament (Isaiah 52:13–53:12). There are many more examples like this one. Thus, the *Catechism* says “the Old Testament bears witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God’s saving love” (CCC 122). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Weekday	Presentation of the Lord	Weekday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13 Mk 5:1–20	2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3 Mk 5:21–43	2 Sm 24:2, 9–17 Mk 6:1–6	1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12 Mk 6:7–13	Mal 3:1–4 Heb 2:14–18 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32	1 Kgs 3:4–13 Mk 6:30–34	Jb 7:1–4, 6–7 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23 Mk 1:29–39



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Do we listen to Jesus’ words, which are authoritative?  
Always...carry a small copy of the Gospel...to read throughout  
the day, to listen to that authoritative word of Jesus. And  
then...let us ask Jesus: “Jesus, you are the prophet, the Son of  
God, the one who was promised to us to heal us. Heal me!”**

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