

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JUNE 16, 2024 ELEVENTH 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

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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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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Rick Michaletz

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

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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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of
God, or what parable can we use for it?"

Mark 4:30

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:

As you know, this Sunday marks the end of my time as your parish priest at Saint John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you and be with you during these wonderful past two years. I am grateful for patience and understanding during the many mistakes I have made and the shortcomings that I have exhibited – I know there were many. I am also very grateful that we have been able to do so much in such little time.



As I prepare to take on my next parish assignment, I have reflected on what I hope many of you might take from my time with you. As such, I leave you with the reminder of the two things that I see as most important in our Christian lives: the Sacraments and Prayer.

The Catechism defines the **Sacraments** as “efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.” (CCC 1131) At times it is possible to be tempted to think of the Sacraments as entertainment or a ritual that is always done; however, the definition from the Catechism states that each of the seven Sacraments in their own way do something for the person who receives them. Each of the Sacraments give grace and God’s own life. Some examples: The participation and celebration at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist matters because it is the most ‘direct’ line to God. Encouraging young people to enter into a sacramental marriage matters because it gives a couple the grace to persevere in their vocation, and knowing and understanding God’s love and mercy is understood in a unique and personal way with the regular reception of the Sacrament of Confession.

And then, there is **Prayer**. Sometimes, when I hear children’s Confessions, I will ask them if they pray every day. If not, I ask them if they talk to their best friend at school almost every day, usually they do. Then I ask them if it would be weird if they never talked to their best friend. It would. The same is true in our friendship with God. If we don’t talk to God every day, it would be weird and our friendship with Him would suffer. As the secular world embraces many new age spiritual practices, the Church offers a wide diversity of ways to authentically pray and spend time with God – a real antidote and medicine to the challenges of our time. To paraphrase the author G.K. Chesterton: A Catholic life of daily prayer has never been, “tried and found wanting. It may however have been found difficult and left untried.” To continue to know and recognize the love of God and His grace at work in your lives, make an ongoing effort to pray every day.

Don’t forget to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life from among your children and grandchildren. There are many young men in our parishes that are being called to consider the priesthood. I do not recognize the signs of a religious vocation as quickly, but I am equally confident that many young women from our parishes are called to consider giving their lives to Jesus.

Please remember to pray for Father Michael as he joins you this week. I am confident that you will love him, and that he will be a great blessing for Saint John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes.

Finally, THANK YOU to all for the kindness and generosity you have shown me during these past two years. Thank you to our wonderful staff and volunteers who have been such a gift to me. Thank you also for the kind notes and cards that many of you have sent me. I am immensely grateful for your thoughtfulness and your caring. Please pray for me - and know that I will continue to pray for you and for your families.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 15	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Kyle Wagner by Mom & Dad, †Rodney & Lois Woveras by Family, †Judy Kelley by Ken Kelley
Sunday	June 16	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	June 16	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Bill Jens & Zach Mauer by Jens Family, †Mitchell Daharsh by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Tuesday	June 18	St. John's	8:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Family
Tuesday	June 18	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Wally Dobrzynski by Family
Wednesday	June 19	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dick Schaetz by Paul & Christine Stenklyft
Thursday	June 20	St. John's	8:00 am	†Ulrich Bartels by Shelly Bartels
Friday	June 21	St. John's	7:00 am	†Norbert & Adeline Haen by Family
Saturday	June 22	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Phyllis Biskup
Sunday	June 23	St. John's	9:00 am	†Reilly & Kubiak Families by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Sunday	June 23	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

MASS INTENTION FEES: Effective July 1, 2024, Mass Intention fees will increase to \$20.00 per

Mass. Any intentions received by June 30, will still be accepted at the current fee of \$10.00. All Mass Intentions currently received for Masses celebrated after July 1 are still valid. These rates are set by the Bishops of the Province of Wisconsin.

LAY MINISTERS FOR JUNE 22/23

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Susan Vavra Carter Udovich	Justin Spaeth Colleen Kuhn
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Ken Udovich Randy Miller	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Diane Dombrowski

THE SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, June 22 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, June 23 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

JUNE WINE & HOSTS:

In Memory of Jerome & Dian Fuhrmann by Family

FINANCIAL: JUNE 8/9, 2024:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$12,292.92.

IMPORTANT MASS & ADORATION INFORMATION FOR TOTUS TUUS WEEK:

The week of June 24-28, there will be the following changes to the normal schedule:

- Blessed Trinity's Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am Mass (being held at St. John's) will be cancelled. The Wednesday and Friday 7:00 am Masses will be held as usual.
- Adoration on Thursday, June 27 will be cancelled.
- There will be an 11:15 am Mass Monday through Friday, June 24-June 28th. All are invited. Note: If you plan to attend this Mass, please enter through the canopy doors off of the parking lot. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact the St. John Evangelist Parish Office.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm Adoration

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



FATHER SCHMECKEL'S FAREWELL PARTY:

Will be held at Lost Woods Park in Kohler **THIS Sunday, June 16 from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm.** The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers and brats. There will also be chips, cookies, and drinks provided. Due to the limited parking in that area, you may park in the St. John's parking lot and walk to Lost Woods.



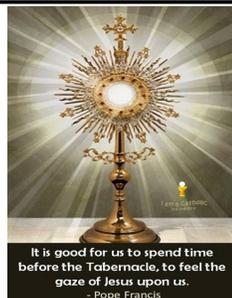
BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:

Dian Fuhrmann passed away June 9, 2024. A funeral Mass was held at St. John's on Friday, June 14. Please keep Dian and her family in your prayers.



TOTUS TUUS FAMILY POTLUCK:

All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend a Potluck Gathering on Wednesday, June 26 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling hamburgers and brats. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office if you plan to attend. You are welcome to bring an item to share for the Potluck. Hope to see you there!



Saint John's Evangelist - ADORATION

THURSDAYS: 8:30 AM – 9:00 PM

**JOIN US at St John's!
NEED: We need Adoration
Substitutes**

You decide what 1 Hour to spend with Our Lord!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Desiree Ann, daughter of Justin & Michele Spaeth was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, June 9. Please pray for her.

ELEVETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Today is the 11th Sunday of Ordinary time and just as we are entering the summer season, all of today's readings involve growth and growing. We hear in the Alleluia verse that the seed is the word of God and Christ is the sower. Jesus often used parables related to farming to relate to his followers who would understand the meaning behind the images, for the Church is not merely an organization, like a business, but an organism, like a plant. In fact, as we hear in today's Gospel from Mark 4:26-34, the Church, just like a mustard seed, begins as the smallest spiritual organism in the world—a family of three people—Joseph, Mary and Jesus! And then this “seed would sprout and grow” with the 12 Apostles and now over 1.4 billion Catholics in the world! According to Dr. Peter Kreeft, a philosophy professor and author from Boston College, Christianity is growing still, except in North America and Europe. Why this trend? Because of a decline in families and church attendance. Dr. Kreeft says “having children is like planting a tree, it is an act of faith in the future.” For the “church” is NOT a building or institution or patriarchy, it is US!! We are the Church! Dr. Kreeft continues “that when we are baptized, we are baptized IN a church building, but we are baptized INTO the Church, and we are baptized BY the Church. We do not construct the Church; we enter the Church that already exists. We don't remake the Church, she remakes us!” So how does all of this bring us back to today's readings? The Church is living and growing, with Jesus as the farmer. How do you know the plant is alive? By its fruit! We are God's seeds given to the world desperate to see faith and good works, along with love, joy, mercy and kindness to name a few (Gal. 5:22). Then like we heard in today's responsorial psalm 92, “they that are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God and they shall bear fruit even in old age.” EnJOY a summer of growing in the Lord, by doing good works, worshiping and praying, and then preparing for a fruitful harvest. See you at Mass.

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATE:

- **St. John Evangelist & Blessed Trinity Senior Singles 55+ Ellwood H. May Environmental Park:** On Thursday, June 27, weather permitting, at 10:00 am arrive at the Blessed Trinity Parish parking lot and carpool/caravan from Church to the park. Hike together or break into smaller groups, as appropriate. The park also has an Ecology Center that we could explore. **Note that pets are NOT allowed in the park.** No admission fee or parking charge. The park has picnic tables so bring your own lunch (we can have a little picnic). If you want to sign up contact Jim Klich by Sunday, June 23 by calling or texting 920-946-0809.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: From **June 18-26**, the pilgrimage will pass through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from north to south, stopping at more than 50 parishes, retreat centers, and shrines. This is a journey of faith and devotion, one which calls us to walk together in prayer, reflection, and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. There are five ways to get involved: Join in for morning Mass on one or more days during the pilgrimage; process for a 1 to 6 mile segment; be at a parish as our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament passes by; come to an Encounter Night; or walk in the Source and Summit Eucharistic Procession on Sunday June 23. All information can be found at: <https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Pilgrimage.htm>.

Dear Padre,

**Why did Jesus always speak in parables?
Why didn't he give us clearer answers?**

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON, GUERCINO / WIKICOMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Aloysius</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twelfth Sunday</i>
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	<i>Gonzaga,</i> <i>Religious</i> 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	<i>in Ordinary Time</i> Jb 38:1, 8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 13, 2021

VARUNA / SHUTTERSTOCK