

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 7, 2024 FOURTEENTH 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–Thursday 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 7:00 - 11:00 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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Chairperson Bridgitt Zielke

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Rich Tauferner Norma Horne

Nick Cinquepalmi Paul Garni

Rita Gast Carol Marksteiner

Rick Michaletz

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

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

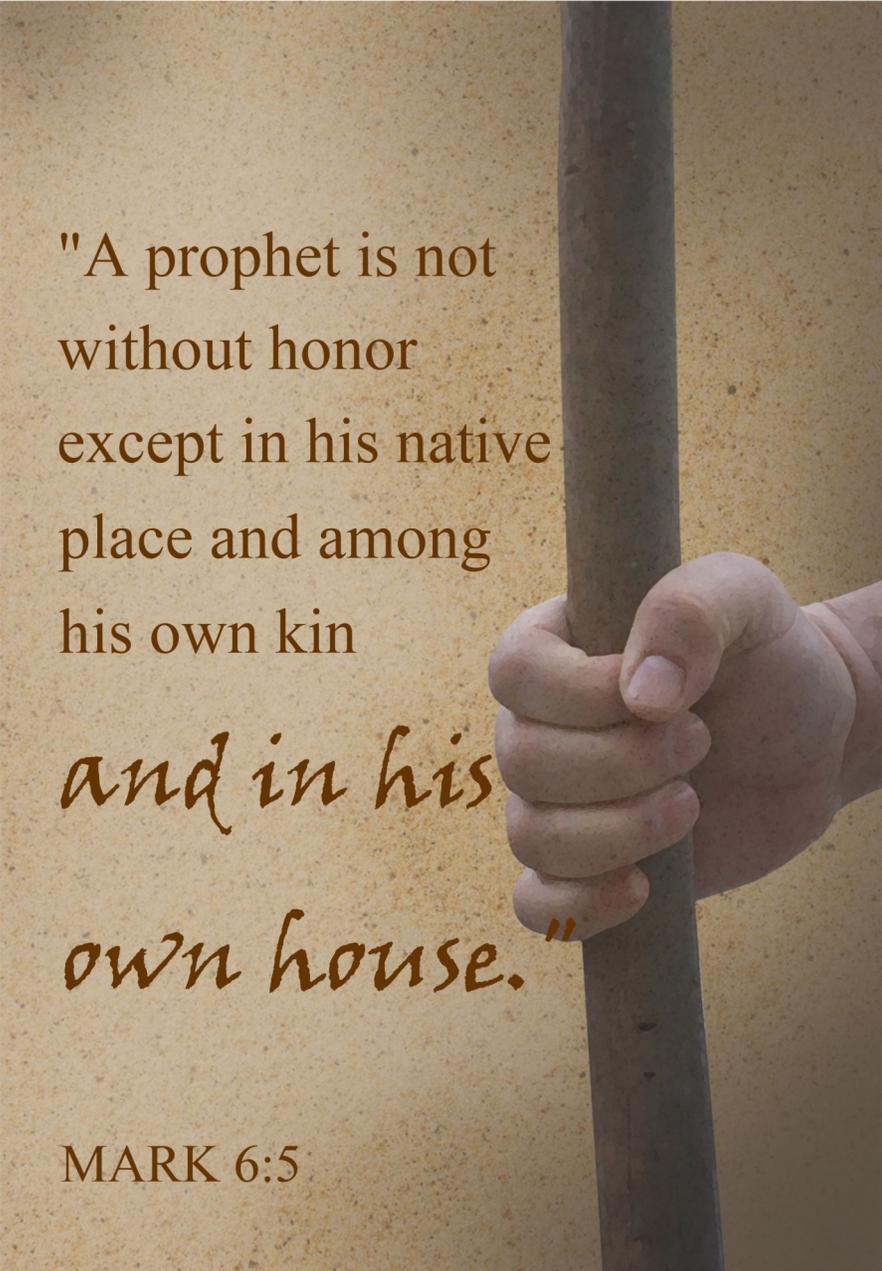
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6



"A prophet is not
without honor
except in his native
place and among
his own kin
and in his
own house."

MARK 6:5

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 Michael:

Why I wear a wedding ring:



Several of those who have been working with me in the rectory have asked, so I figured more of you have been wondering why I wear a wedding ring. As many know Catholic priests are not married except in certain cases where the discipline of celibacy is dispensed, and I am very happily celibate! Some have guessed that it's because I'm "married" to the Church. While that extended metaphor can be a tad confusing at times, it's true that I am married to the Church through the person of Jesus Christ the bridegroom, but that still isn't why I wear the wedding ring.

I started wearing this ring in seminary after a ceremony called candidacy. Candidacy is before ordination where I, the candidate, promise to the bishop to be ready for ordination when the time comes. The bishop, responding on behalf the Church, chooses to accept my proposal or not. I started wearing this ring as an engagement ring. I know men generally don't wear engagement rings, but as always, it was God who made the proposal to me for my vocation and I said, "Yes.", so I think it fits. There used to be a ritual symbol of candidacy, the "tonsure" haircut, similar to how St. Francis of Assisi is depicted. They don't use tonsure as a symbol anymore, and I wanted a symbol of candidacy, so like the Astros, I simple stole some signs instead! The ring reminded me that I promised to be ready for my ordination, and every time I saw it, I was reminded that I had to take this seriously. I would see other men wearing rings from their marriages and I reminded myself that I needed to take this as seriously as they take their marriages!

After I was ordained I realized that I liked wearing the ring, so I kept wearing it. It took on a new meaning for me that is closer to the symbol of the wedding ring in marriage. The ring is given from one spouse to the other as "A sign of my love and fidelity". Often we think of that the ring that they wear is a symbol of their commitment, but in reality, it's a sign of the love and commitment of their spouse! The ring I had been wearing took on that meaning for me. The clerical collar I wear is a pretty strong outward sign that I have given my live and promised many things to God and the Church to live as a priest, but the ring on my finger reminds me that God made promises to me too. He promised at my ordination that He would always be there for me, to take care of me, and to make sure that I always have His support, love, and grace to take care of whatever He would set before me. He promised that He called me to be a priest, and that He would fulfill the good work He has begun.

Some priests wear rings only when they aren't wearing their clerics, and sometimes they don't wear one at all. I generally don't consider myself a trend setter in any way, but if I got to set any trend, I would love it to be this!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 6	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Ed Zimmermann by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Victor & Helen Kampmann and Thomas McPherson by Family
Sunday	July 7	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for the McGinnis Family
Sunday	July 7	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	July 9	St. John's	8:00 am	†Leonard & Margaret Tomczyk by Nancy Matthews
Tuesday	July 9	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Joyce Schneider by Joseph Schneider
Wednesday	July 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Carl Hocevar by K Schmeling
Thursday	July 11	St. John's	8:00 am	†Joan Otto by John & Dorothy Kimme
Friday	July 12	St. John's	7:00 am	†Frances Stanish by Cynthia Evanoff
Friday	July 12	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Constance Cook by Family
Saturday	July 13	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Leonard Widder by Family
Sunday	July 14	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	July 14	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	†Therese Weber by Family, †Stephen Voitek by Family

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, July 13 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, July 14 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

MOM AND KIDS PLAYGROUP: Join fellow Catholic moms and kids in fellowship and friendship every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Questions? Contact Maria Schuette at 920-309-2418.



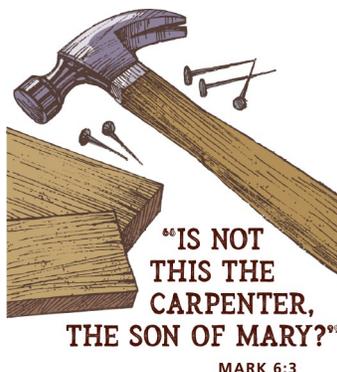
July 12 & 26: Deland Park, Sheboygan
August 9 & 23: Firehouse Park,

LAY MINISTERS FOR JULY 13/14		
MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Bill Moffatt Gerry Loth	Diane Hart Joseph B.
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Hart	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

FINANCIAL: JUNE 30, 2024: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,167.59.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 7	
8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
TUESDAY, JULY 9	
8:00 am	Mass
3:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds Meeting
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10	
7:00 am	Mass
THURSDAY, JULY 11	
8:00 am	Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Adoration
FRIDAY, JULY 12	
6:00 am	Reconciliation
7:00 am	Mass
SATURDAY, JULY 13	
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
4:00 pm	Mass
SUNDAY, JULY 14	
8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass



PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT:



Nominations are now being accepted for two three-year terms. You may nominate yourself and/or other parishioners. Nomination forms can be found on the table in the gathering space or can be downloaded from our website. You can also email any names to stjohnnev@btsje.org. Norma Horne and Rita Gast are completing their first term and can be chosen for a second term. All names must be in the Parish Office by **Friday, July 12** at noon. Nominees will be asked to consider participating in the discernment process for membership on the Pastoral Council. This will be held on **Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm**



07.27.24

SUMMER WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us from 9:00-11:30am at St. Fridolin's in Glenbeulah to gather as a community and grow closer to God.

Registration:

Before 7/22 - \$10
7/22 and After - \$15



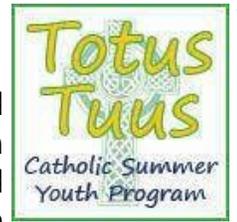
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST & ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SUMMER WOMEN'S RETREAT:

On Saturday, July 27 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at St. Fridolin's in Glenbeulah. Admission is \$10.00 until July 22 at noon, then \$15.00 after. To learn more

and to register, go to the link: https://bit.ly/_Summer_2024, scan the QR code on the ad, or call St. John the Baptist Parish (920-892-4006) or St. Thomas Aquinas Parish (920-876-2457) parish office.

Totus Tuus 2024:



Totus Tuus 2024, our Summer Program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through Evangelization, Catechesis, Christian Witness, Prayer and Eucharistic Worship for our St John Evangelist children and teens in Grades 1-12 and other Catholic Youth from throughout Sheboygan County was a great success! The Totus Tuus Planning Committee that met monthly beginning in January did outstanding work, and our Coordinators, Priests, Catechists and Adult and Teen Volunteers were great! Thank you to all who helped in any way. See next week's bulletin for photos and more information.

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

Blessing God's Helpers:



God has blessed the world with men and women who protect others from harm and provide help in challenging times. Too often the work these people do and the services they provide go unnoticed or are unappreciated. During these weeks of summer, you may want to take time to reflect on our community helpers and those that assist others in various ways and talk with the children in your lives about the many good things that they do.

Young children can be asked, "Who are our helpers?". Their responses may include that of health care providers like doctors and nurses, teachers, police officers and firefighters and service personnel who work to provide needed supplies and assistance to others. Children may also name family members or friends who help them when needed and they rarely forget to mention that God loves and cares for them as well.

Occasionally, children may also wonder or ask how they can be helpers. This is a good time to talk with them about small acts of caring, like speaking kind words and giving comfort to others, including family pets. Providing positive reinforcement for children's acts of caring can make them feel empowered and encouraged and will help them to learn that they too can give comfort and assistance. Modeling care and respect for others and setting a good example is also a great way to help children learn.

Together let's make this Summer of 2024 a time to help our children and others to appreciate those who touch our lives and care for us in special ways. During this month of July, may each of us continue to thank God for sunshine and rain, friends and family, and the many blessings that we have been given.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL MEMORIAL MASS: The Sheboygan County St. Vincent de Paul Society invites you to a special Memorial Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Plymouth, on **Monday July 15, at 6:00 pm**. This Mass is held annually to honor and remember those Vincentians who have gone before us in our mission to serve the poor.

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATE:

- **BISHOP BARRON: CATHOLICISM SERIES:** Begins Wednesday, July 10, from 10:00 - 11:00 am, in Classroom #8 at St. John Evangelist Parish. July 10: *Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Becoming Man*; July 17: *Happy Are We: The Teaching of Jesus*; July 24: *The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought*. Join in for one or all. Everyone is welcome.
- **CYBER SECURITY:** On Tuesday, July 16, from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Catholic Life Center at Blessed Trinity Parish, learn how to protect your personal and financial information from cyber criminals. A professional in the banking industry will be on hand to give tips and answer questions.
- **SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC:** Will be held on Tuesday, August 6 at the Catholic Life Center at Blessed Trinity Parish. More information will be in upcoming bulletins.



CLC Calendar July/August 2024



- July 1 -Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-Gathering Space
- July 8 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 9 -**Service Project:** Meals on Wheels Bags, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- July 10 -**Amazed and Afraid: the Revelation of God Become Man** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classroom 8
- July 11 BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+ Dinner Social at Chris & Sue’s on Hwy. C, 5:00 pm
- July 15 -Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-Gathering Space
- July 16 -**Cyber Security: Protecting Your Personal/Financial Information,** 10:00 am-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 17 -**Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classroom 8
- July 18 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 22 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- July 24 -**The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can be Thought,** 10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classroom 8
- July 25 -**Faith Clips: The Trinity** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- July 25 -SJE/BT Senior Singles 55+ West of the Lake Gardens Hike, 10:00 am, BT lot
- July 31 -**Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, The Mother of God** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classroom 8
- August 1 -**Service Project:** Pine Haven Greeting Card Making, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- August 5 -Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-Gathering Space
- August 6 -**Summer Potluck Picnic with Games,** Noon, CLC-MR
- August 6 -CLC Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
- August 7 -**The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classroom 8
- August 12 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 13 -**Service Project:** Salvation Army Prayer Card Making, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- August 14 -**A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classroom 8
- August 15 -Feast of the Assumption, Adult Card Social CANCELLED
- August 19 -Bible Study, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-Gathering Space
- August 26 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- August 29 -SJE/BT Senior Singles 55+ Bookworms Gardens Hike, 10:00 am, BT lot

Upcoming Date: November 17 – Fireside Dinner Theater Bus Trip, Miracle on 34th Street

Register for events or call with questions –
Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext 314.

CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist’s Lower Level Conference Room.



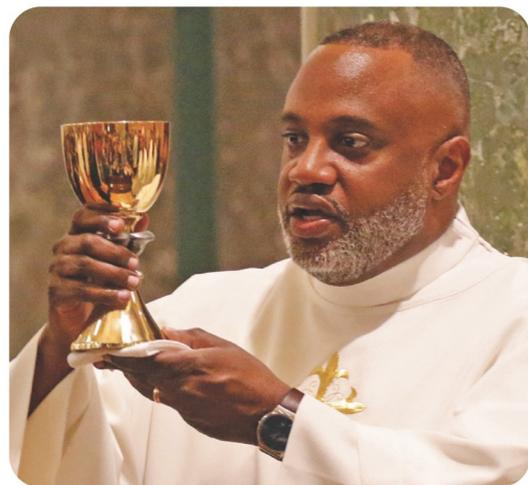
Dear Padre,

My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests “Father” when Jesus said not to. I don’t know how to answer.

Jesus instructs his disciples, “As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (Matthew 23:8–9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors “professor.”

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”)

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his “child in faith” (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, “I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Corinthians 4:14–15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called “Father” for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



GREGORY SHERITZ / CNS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Benedict, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hos 2:16, 17c– 18, 21–22	Hos 8:4–7, 11–13	Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12	Hos 11:1–4, 8e–9	Hos 14:2–10 Mt 10:16–23	Is 6:1–8 Mt 10:24–33	Am 7:12–15 Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10 Mk 6:7–13
Mt 9:18–26	Mt 9:32–38	Mt 10:1–7	Mt 10:7–15			



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God’s grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 8, 2018