

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



JULY 28, 2024 SEVENTEENTH 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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FINANCE COUNCIL:

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PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15



*"Then Jesus took the loaves,
gave thanks, and distributed
them to those who were
reclining, and also as much
of the fish as they wanted."*



John 6:11



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.

How to identify a good voice in the Church

No I'm not talking about recruiting more people to join the choir, but a set of readings passed me by last week and I had to go back to them to comment! I did enjoy celebrating my younger brother's wedding last week and I wanted to leave a great exhortation to a more modern struggle in the church. Who do we listen to? With the advent of prolific podcasts, shared homilies, internet personality priests, and many other bloggers, church political theorists and technical theologians taking to the internet streets, it's really hard to know who to trust. It doesn't solve everything, but a good litmus test is from our first reading from Jeremiah last Sunday.



“Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them,”
(Jer 23:1-2 NABRE)

These are pretty concerning words for anyone who wants to lead their fellow brother or sister in the faith. We know of the good shepherd qualities, but several times God speaks through the prophets about what the bad shepherds are doing, and it always makes me listen! The focus on what is so abhorrent to God through these shepherds is that the shepherds scatter them. So much of the history of suffering of God's covenanted people is a result of disunity and scattering, whether it is the Babylonian or Syrian exile, or the splitting of the northern and southern tribes due to unjust rule and taxation. The teachers and shepherds that split and cause disunity are the ones that often cause the most damage.

The Church has a very controversial goal, unity. It calls to our true destiny of being united perfectly with God in the inner life of the trinity. If we then are in perfect union with God, then we are certainly in union with one another! Throughout salvation history, God has called his people to be one people in relationship with him, and throughout salvation history we struggle greatly with that.

So how to identify a good pastoral voice? One that promotes unity, not just unity of one camp, but unity in the whole of the Church and its teaching. With so much information at the tip of our fingers it is very easy to sow discord and disunity through looking at just one part of the truth disconnected from the whole, or from looking at the truth through too much of an angle. With how the internet works, and how people tend to follow them, I have seen many Catholic internet personalities run themselves off ideological cliffs and create personal camps that view for power. This is a very dangerous way in which people are falling into new age schism. Look instead for those that put forth a sense of obedience to the truth, and don't present their own opinions as Church teaching.

As it is recent news and very obvious, I would encourage everyone to stay away from influences like Archbishop Viganò, who was just recently excommunicated because of his repeated schismatic comments and actions. Certainly pray for him, but don't follow him! If you are looking for people whom you can trust, the two best I can put forward are Fr. Mike Schmitz and Bishop Barron. They are obedient, and do their best to represent Church teaching as honestly as possible while making clear what is their pastoral approach or personal ideas. I ask that you also keep me honest! I try to make those same distinctions clear, and do not want to fall into the group of shepherds that breaks apart the house of God. If you worry that I am misrepresenting something, please call me to task. I want to be nothing but a good unifying shepherd to you, because that is what God desires for you!

Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	July 27	St. John's	4:00 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	July 28	St. John's	9:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by McGinnis Family
Sunday	July 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Carol Schuessler by Family, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Tuesday	July 30	St. John's	8:00 am	†Jack Herr by Randy & Ann Reineking
Tuesday	July 30	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Helen Marciniak by David & Nancy Schleicher
Wednesday	July 31	St. John's	7:00 am	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand, Carol Mertzig, & Robert Savala by Family
Thursday	August 1	St. John's	8:00 am	†Leonard & Margaret Tomczyk by Nancy Matthews
Friday	August 2	St. John's	7:00 am	†George Mott by Benishek Family
Friday	August 2	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Tom & Kathy Keyes by Liz Holtz
Saturday	August 3	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, Bradley Woveras by Family
Sunday	August 4	St. John's	9:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by McGinnis Family
Sunday	August 4	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

MASS INTENTION FEES: Mass Intention fees have increased 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 Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, August 3 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, August 2 at 6:00 am and on Sunday, August 4 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 4	
MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Hollyann B. Katie Becker
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rich Tauferner
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Dave & Diane Hart
Greeters	Diane Torke

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, July 24 through Monday, July 29. Emails and voicemails will be answered as soon as possible on Tuesday, July 30. If there is an emergency, please contact Fr. Michael on the emergency phone at 920-550-1145.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH: Please welcome Kiefer & Kendall Bennett and their daughter Luna to the parish.

FINANCIAL: JULY 21, 2024: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,578.00.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 27	
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
4:00 pm	Mass
SUNDAY, JULY 28	
8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
TUESDAY, JULY 30	
8:00 am	Mass
WEDNESDAY, JULY 31	
7:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	CLC Catholicism Series
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1	
8:00 am	Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Adoration
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2	
6:00 am	Reconciliation
7:00 am	Mass
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3	
8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:



All staff and volunteers, beyond High School age, who will work with or have contact with children under the age of 18 years old, must have Archdiocesan-mandated Safe Environment Training. There will be in-person **Safe Environment Training Session held at: St. Peter Claver Parish in Sheboygan on Thursday, August 1 from 9:15 am - 12:15pm St. John the Baptist Parish in Plymouth on Wednesday, August 21 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.** The session is approximately 3 hours long. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm>. If you have questions or need help with registration, please contact our St. John Evangelist Parish office at stjohnev@btsje.org or call 920-452-9623.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

Watch your mail for the 2024-2025 Religious Education Information Form and Schedule. They will be mail out to all families in early August. The year begins with a kick-off Mass on Wednesday, September 11 with classes beginning on Wednesday, September 18.

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATE:

- **BISHOP BARRON: CATHOLICISM SERIES:** Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am, in Classroom #5 at St. John Evangelist Parish. *July 31: Our Tainted Nature's Solidary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God; and August 7: The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure; and August 14: A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church.* Join in for one or all. Everyone is welcome.
- **SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC:** Will be held on **Tuesday, August 6 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm** at the Catholic Life Center at Blessed Trinity Parish. Join in on some summer fun! Sign up in the Catholic Life Center to let us know you are coming and what you are bringing or contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314. You are also welcome to bring your favorite lawn game.



- **BUS TRIP THE FIRESIDE "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET":** Will be on **Sunday, November 17.** The trip includes bus, dinner, and the show. Cost is \$105.00 per person. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space and can be returned to the Parish Office or dropped in the collection basket. Please make checks out to Blessed Trinity Parish and put "CLC bus trip" on the memo line. Deadline is Tuesday, October 1. Sign up soon. Bus may fill up before the deadline.

BLESSED TRINITY SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday,
August 11
11:30 - 2:00

Join us for an enjoyable event!
Johnsonville Brats - Burgers - Hot Dogs - Sides - Drinks



Hannah Rose Reyes

Food
Music
Fun

Games
Cake Walk
Bingo



Dunk Tank



Religious Education Teachers/Catechists Program Assistants 4K- Grade 6 Needed:

While Jesus lived on earth, He sent disciples out in pairs to help share the Good News and teach others. Perhaps you have been thinking about how you too might answer His call.

St. John Evangelist Parish has been blessed with many dedicated Catechists who share our Catholic faith with the children of our parish, **BUT WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE adults and teens to be Catechists, Co-Catechists, and Class or Program Assistants who work with children and assist in many other ways.**

Please consider how God may be calling you to this important and life-giving ministry during this upcoming school year. If you know someone who would be a good Catechist or would be willing to share their time and talent in other ways please invite them to do this as well.

Our 4K through Grade 6 students meet from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM most Wednesday afternoons during the school year. Contact Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education, 4K- Grade 6 to volunteer or to learn more.

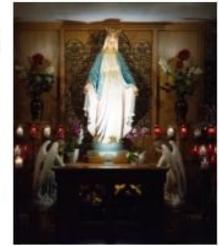


SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD PANTRY: Please continue to bring **non-perishable** goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. *They are in special need of ketchup, peas, corn, chili beans, and pork & beans.* Please remember to check expiration dates. Expired food can not be given out. **Next Delivery: Monday,**

August 5: John & Karen Egan



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion Group Pilgrimage Bus Trip



with Father Michael

Friday, October 4, 2024



Visit the first and only approved Marian apparition site in the US,
get to know our new priest
and enjoy the fall colors.



Itinerary

7:55 am Meet at SJE Classrooms
 8:15 am Coach Bus Leaves
 9:30 am Arrival at Mother of Mercy Hall
 9:45 am History Talk or Video
 10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel
 10:00 am Confessions before Mass, if desired
 11:00 am Holy Mass in the Shrine Chapel
 12:15 pm Lunch in Mother of Mercy Hall
 1:00 pm Visit/pray at many devotional areas
 2:00 pm Visit Shrine Gift Shop
 3:00 pm Departure
 Divine Mercy Chaplet on the bus
 4:15 pm Return to SJE

****Bring your own lunch or order one for \$10—
Beverage, bag of potato chips, and a cookie included**

Choices:

- ◆ Turkey, Swiss Cheese on Cranberry Bread
- ◆ Turkey, Bacon Ranch Wrap
- ◆ Turkey, Ham & Cheese Wrap
- ◆ Ham & Cheddar Cheese on Croissant Bun
- ◆ Ham & Swiss on Pretzel Bun
- ◆ Chicken Salad on Cranberry Bread
- ◆ Italian Sub
- ◆ Salad - Chef or Caesar
- ◆ Salad - Garden - no cheese or croutons

Register by September 16, 2024. Seats are limited.

\$25 without lunch/\$35 with lunch

Return to the CLC or one of the Parish Offices (BT: 115 Summer Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085 or SJE: 601 Valley Road, Kohler, WI 53044)

Name: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Order Lunch (circle): Yes No Choice: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guests: _____

Emergency Contact (if applicable): _____

Order Lunch (circle): Yes No Choice: _____

Total enclosed: _____ (Cash/Check payable to Blessed Trinity Parish)

***Use multiple registration forms if needed.**





The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Mission Statement

“A network of Friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with service to People in need”

According to the Mayo Clinic, there are many health benefits to volunteering.

Here are just a few:

1. It improves physical and mental health.
2. It provides a sense of purpose.
3. It teaches valuable skills.
4. It creates new connections and friendships.

Source: Mayo Clinic website

<https://www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org/hometown-health/speaking-of-health/3-health-benefits-of-volunteering>



The Blessed Trinity/St John Evangelist Conference Provides a Helping Hand Up for Neighbors in need.

Third Quarter April 2024 – June 2024 Results:

13 home visits serving 28 people.

4 telephone visits serving 8 people.

12 rents paid: \$6,965

14 utilities paid: \$4,849

1 household fed: \$50

5 households clothed: \$193

2 households furnished: \$404

6 households' auto needs: \$390

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by a group of young university students, is a worldwide Catholic lay organization serving people in need.
- We are women and men who seek personal holiness through works of charity.
- Our vocation is to follow Christ through service to people, bearing witness to His love.
- We create and nurture relationships with our Neighbors who we serve.
- We do not provide handouts.

Please contact current members with questions and interest: Bob Bartel, Francoise d'Auriol-Pietzner, Annette Gryglewski, Bob Guse, Linda Guse, Judy Heimerl, Paula Inda, Linda Leis, Stan Leis, Sharon Reilly, Ann Reineking, Lina Vainauskas, Bob Weber, Barb White, Mary Jo Widder

Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God’s mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus’ teaching on the “unforgivable sin.”

Jesus’ statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus’ exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit’s saving action in Jesus’ work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The “unforgivable sin” is not an action so horrible that even God’s patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord’s presence in their lives. God’s offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



FIZES / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4
<i>Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jer 13:1–11 Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42	Jer 14:17–22 Mt 13:36–43	Jer 15:10, 16–21 Mt 13:44–46	Jer 18:1–6 Mt 13:47–53	Jer 26:1–9 Mt 13:54–58	Jer 26:11–16, 24 Mt 14:1–12	Ex 16:2–4, 12–15 Eph 4:17, 20–24 Jn 6:24–35



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us...
“Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.”*

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 25, 2021