

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**AUGUST 4, 2024 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## 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**

## PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**1st Fridays:** 6:00 - 6:45 am &  
Immediately following 7:00 am  
Mass

**Sundays:** 8:00 - 8:45 am

**2nd & 4th Saturdays:** 3:00 pm

## Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

*Jesus answered,*  
"This is  
the work  
of God,  
that you  
believe in the  
one he sent."

**JOHN 6:29**

## Understanding Our Baptismal Priesthood

As we delve more deeply into the "Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel" over the next several weeks, it makes a lot more sense if we are aware of our Baptismal Priesthood. All the Baptized are baptized into the priestly, prophetic, and kingly ministries of Jesus Christ, and much of what we are invited to do at Mass is related to the reality of this Baptismal Priesthood.



Most of our Catholic rituals have a great connection to that of Biblical temple sacrifice. In traditional temple sacrifice the only ones who could eat of the sacrifice were a part of the priestly class of people. Many of the Levites were part of the priestly class of people, and while they had no tribe of their own, they had a home in every tribe. These Levite priests would offer sacrifice to God and be fed from the sacrifice they offer.

The covenant God made with Moses envisioned something different, however. In Exodus 19:6 God sent Moses to tell the Israelites that they "shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation". He said that not just one family would be priestly, but that all of His people would be priestly! This desire is fulfilled in Baptism when all of God's people are brought into a priestly baptismal reality. This priestly office that we all carry is what allows us to be present at Mass. Only the priests used to be present, offer, and receive from the sacrifice. Now our Baptismal Priesthood allows us to be present at Mass and to be a part of the sacrifice of salvation.

What then is the ordained priest? The priesthood during the time of temple sacrifice wasn't one entity, but rather it was made up of parts in a hierarchy. The "high priest" was selected from among the priests to lead on behalf of all the priests. We see Jesus Christ as the new high priest who leads all his priestly people in the sacrifice of our salvation. The ordained priest stands "In persona Christi capitis", that is, in the person of Christ the head. The ordained priesthood is an invitation into the high priesthood of Jesus Christ, to lead God's priestly people in the sacrifice.

The high priest and the priestly people act alongside each other, and so should the ordained priests with their Baptismal Priestly People. One of the many beauties of the Mass is that by the sacrifice offered by all, all become more united. The sacrifice led by the ordained priest is supported and supplied by God's grace acting through His priestly people, and there is a significant difference when that unity is prayerfully present. This changes the unity of the Church from an idea into a reality!

*Fr. Michael*

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, August 10 at 3:00 pm and on Sunday, August 11 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>Blessed Trinity</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†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 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	August 6	St. John's	8:00 am	†Marilyn Jarvis by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Tuesday	August 6	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Vi Scharenbroch by John & Ann Wieseckel
Wednesday	August 7	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Harry Koelker by Bob & Karen Goldsmith
Thursday	August 8	St. John's	8:00 am	†Francis & Luella Buechler by Family
Friday	August 9	St. John's	7:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	August 9	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Constance Cook by Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	†Dick Schaetz by John & Karen Egan
Sunday	August 11	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	August 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Special Intention for Zach Norman's Birthday by Kathy & Joe Komaromy, †Carol Schuessler by Family

**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.

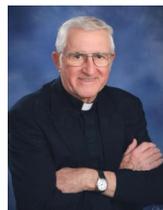
## LAY MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 10/11

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Gerry Loth Bill Moffatt	Justin Spaeth Colleen Kuhn
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Rich Tauferner
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Diane Dombrowski

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** The Feast Day is celebrated on Thursday, August 15. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish on **Wednesday, August 14 at 5:15 pm and Thursday, August 15 at 6:45 am** and at Blessed Trinity Parish on **Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm**.

**FINANCIAL: JULY 27/28, 2024:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,112.37.

**WELCOME TO THE PARISH:** Please welcome Michael Toth and Katrina Freund to the parish.



**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** Fr. Richard Cerpich passed away July 25, 2024. A funeral Mass was held at St. Cyril & Methodius Parish on Wednesday, July 31. Fr. Dick celebrated the Monday morning Mass at St. John's for many years and ministered to the people of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in many different capacities. Please keep Fr. Dick and all those who loved and cared for him in your prayers.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 4</b>	
8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 6</b>	
8:00 am	Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7</b>	
7:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	CLC Catholicism Series
6:30 pm	Bible Study <i>Gathering Space</i>
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 8</b>	
8:00 am	Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Adoration
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 9</b>	
7:00 am	Mass
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 10</b>	
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
4:00 pm	Mass
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 11</b>	
8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass



## 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS NEEDED GRADES 7-12:

We are looking for people interested in helping to teach or sub for the 7th to 12th grade RE program. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 - 8:00 pm and we could use an 8th grade teacher for this year. If interested or in need of more information, please contact me at [teresab@btsje.org](mailto:teresab@btsje.org). ~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12

## ADVENTURES ON THE FARM:

Will be held on **Sunday, August 18 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm** at the Cristo Rey Ranch (N8114 Cty Rd WW, Mt. Calvary). There will be food trucks available for food and drink, live music, and a cash raffle. Fun activities for kids include a bounce house, pony rides, and a critter exhibit. Fun for the whole family. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.



**CATHECHISTS  
NEEDED**

## 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.

## Why Being Catholic is Good for Our Health



In his writings on the Theology of the Body, Pope John Paul II describes the human being as a “unity” of body, mind and spirit. In other words, we can't do something with our bodies without also involving our souls. Research also shows that this works the other way around as well. Recent studies have determined that what is good for us spiritually is also good for our physical and emotional health, and four key aspects of our Catholic faith - prayer, community, ritual and caring for others - have been found to have positive effects that extend beyond the spiritual. Here's how:

**Prayer:** Research says that prayer relaxes the body and sometimes can even help to prevent disease. One study from Duke University that included more than 4,000 people showed that during prayer, especially meditative prayer like the rosary, brain activity changes and becomes more evenly regulated, and the centers of the brain responsible for pleasure and relaxation become activated.

**Community:** Having the social support that comes with a sense of community found in attending Mass regularly and being involved in parish activities help to buffer our experience of stress. Social support also helps to prevent depression and other emotional problems.

**Ritual:** Our Catholic faith is rich with ritual, including liturgical celebrations, faith formation experiences and a variety of family experiences that include praying together, celebrating religious holidays and sharing faith related experiences. Rituals help us feel connected to something larger than ourselves, to bond with one another, and to find meaning in our lives.

**Caring for Others:** Caring for others is at the heart of our Catholic faith. So many are involved in feeding, educating, housing and providing medical treatment for those in need. These works have a positive effect on both emotional and physical well-being. A recent study showed that older adults engaged in volunteer service were more likely to have stable positive feelings. Young people who volunteer have been shown to have more positive aspirations for the future and are more motivated in school.

We know that we can't do something with our body without also involving our souls, but science is showing us that this works the other way around as well. What is good for us spiritually is also good for our physical and emotional health. How blessed we are!

Adapted from: Dr. Joseph D. White. TeachingCatholicKids.com. “Our Sunday Visitor”, 2020.  
~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6

### CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATE:

- **BISHOP BARRON: CATHOLICISM SERIES:** Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am, in Classroom #5 at St. John Evangelist Parish. *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](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314. You are also welcome to bring your favorite lawn game.



### 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. 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 [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org) or call 920-452-9623.

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

# Friends OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN

**2 Mile Walk ~ September 28, 2024 ~ 9:00 am-Noon**

**Firehouse Park - 3805 County Y – Sheboygan**

**\*\*\* Food, Door Prizes, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Raffle \*\*\***

9:00 am Registration      9:45 Blessing and Start Time

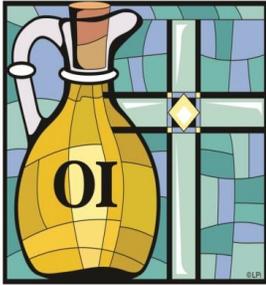
\$5.00 Children   \$20.00 Adults   \$40.00 Families   \$60.00 Team of 4  
Rain or Shine. Pets on leashes welcome!

*Registered walkers raise awareness to the challenges faced by neighbors in need, especially the children of Sheboygan County. The walk generates significant funds for use in direct service to those children living in need by offering shoes, coats, and beds.*

Register at the event by cash or check  
Or  
at the Sheboygan or Plymouth St Vincent de Paul stores



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.



We invite you to our annual  
**Little Lourdes Day  
 Mass & Anointing**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**  
**at 10:00 AM**  
 Holy Name of Jesus Parish  
 818 Huron Avenue • Sheboygan

**Little Lourdes Day** is a beautiful **Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing** *concelebrated by priests* from around the city and county of Sheboygan, and always around the time of the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The **Sacrament of Anointing** is intended to bring hope and comfort to those who receive it along with the grace of the sacrament.

The **Sacrament of Anointing** is administered during the Mass.



**Who Can Receive the Sacrament of Anointing?**

- Senior Citizens—even though no serious illness is present
- Any Catholic whose health is seriously impaired by physical, mental or emotional illness or old age

Holy Name of Jesus is **handicapped accessible** and we have many volunteers to assist you into the Church, and as you depart.

The church is equipped with a Hearing Loop for all those with T-Coil hearing devices. 

There will be a time of **fellowship with refreshments** in the Narthex and church following this celebration.

Parishioners, family, and friends of those to be anointed are encouraged to attend this celebration to **show their care, love, and support**.

*Please contact the Parish Office (920.458.7721) if you have questions.*

*This event is sponsored by the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Human Concerns Committees.*



**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**

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:** A new St. John Evangelist Bible Study group will meet in the Gathering Space on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 pm beginning on Wednesday, August 7th . We will explore one of the Chapters of the Gospel of Mark and view and discuss a video, found on Formed, featuring Bible Scholars Dr. Tim Gray and Michael Barber. Everyone is welcome! ~Tom Reilly

**BLESSED TRINITY  
 SUMMER PICNIC**

Sunday, August 11  
 11:30 - 2:00

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

Food  
 Music  
 Fun

Games  
 Cake Walk  
 Bingo

Dunk Tank

Hannah Rose Reyes

# Dear Padre,

## Are Catholic statues the same as “graven images”?

God forbade the making of idols, images of false gods (Exodus 20:4–5). But God did not forbid the making of all images. Images of cherubim were placed on the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 37:7–9), and the Book of Numbers tells how God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a sign of healing (Numbers 21:7–9).

Not only is the making of images or representations of people not forbidden by God, it is so common that we take it for granted. People keep photographs of those they love. In the same way, we Catholics love the saints as family members who have gone before us, and we keep images of them in our homes and churches.

Catholics do not worship the saints; we worship and adore God alone. But we do honor the saints, remembering their holy lives as we try to imitate them. There is nothing unusual about keeping statues and paintings in prominent places. Many cities display statues of leaders and important citizens. If we are given only secular models to imitate, we will be denied models who can guide us to Jesus and to eternal life. Images of the saints are reminders of God’s grace and goodness fleshed out in the lives of people very much like us. ●

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11
Weekday	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Weekday	<i>St. Dominic, Priest</i>	Weekday	<i>St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i>	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jer 28:1–17	Dn 7:9–10, 13–14	Jer 31:1–7	Jer 31:31–34	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7	2 Cor 9:6–10	1 Kgs 19:4–8
Mt 14:13–21	2 Pt 1:16–19	Mt 15:21–28	Mt 16:13–23	Mt 16:24–28	Jn 12:24–26	Eph 4:30–5:2
	Mk 9:2–10					Jn 6:41–51



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*When we seek first and foremost the satisfaction of our needs, we risk using people and exploiting situations for our own ends.... Let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and...learn to love each other.... Love given freely and without calculation, without using people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 1, 2021