

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



AUGUST 18, 2024 TWENTIETH 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. Become a Catholic
5. 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

Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:-16

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58



**"Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood remains in
me and I in him."**

JOHN 6:56

Falling Asleep in Prayer

Inspired by Elijah and his story in last Sunday's First Reading, and after several timely conversations, I thought I would share a great litmus test for your prayer. Are you resting enough in prayer so you fall asleep?



St. Thérèse of Lisieux wrote in her spiritual autobiography that she could hardly remember a time that she prayed when she did not fall asleep. If such a prayer life can make you a Saint at only 24 years of age then there is something to it! When we pray it is important to share and offer to God what is on our hearts, just like Elijah did under the broom tree. He prayed out all of his difficulties, anger, bitterness, disappointment, and discouragement and then promptly fell asleep. That isn't a coincidence! Often when we can't sleep it's because our anxieties, fears, and difficulties assault us precisely when we are quieting ourselves before bed. If we don't give ourselves a chance to express those difficulties to God, they ambush us and keep us awake. When we pray expressing the difficulties, hopes and dreams of our hearts to God, and give Him silence to respond something amazing happens. We become calm, peaceful and so vulnerable to falling asleep!

I personally struggle immensely with staying awake while praying a personal rosary. The rhythm of the prayer, the opportunity for meditation and offering whatever it is on my heart to God through Mary calms me down immensely. I typically fall asleep somewhere in the second half of the third decade, or in the first half of the fourth. It is no coincidence! Hitting this point in prayer is a good litmus test of two things: One is that we need to sleep more. A good spiritual life is founded in good sleep; The second is that we can allow ourselves to offer what is on our hearts to God and enter into His rest. We can leave behind the spirals of anxiety, the haunts of shame and the freeze of fear that we often face when we allow ourselves to be quiet. Offering this to God and entering into His rest through silence, adoration, the rosary, or even simple repeated prayers like the classic "Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." allows us to be unburdened, to rest, and to be nourished and strengthened by God in our spiritual life. It is so hard to love others if we first do not rest in God's love for us!

Now the litmus test of falling asleep isn't achieved by laying down and bringing a pillow to prayer! It is important however to pick a posture that is comfortable, where you can focus on praying, and not on keeping a posture. While kneeling hasn't always stopped me from falling asleep, it is one of the many postures that can fit with your prayer. Sitting is important as well, for receiving what God wishes to give, and pondering on your hearts what it might mean. Posture does not define prayer, but if the posture you are in does not seem to suit it, maybe changing it could help support finding that restful place with God.

Resting in God in silence is a pivotal tool in growing in the spiritual life, and if you have never fallen asleep while praying maybe you could aim for it a little. St. Thérèse of Lisieux also remarked that God is the one who does the work in prayer, and He could work just as well whether she was awake or asleep. She likened it to when a doctor puts a patient under anesthetic in order to do even greater work on a patient. Maybe that is just what you might need in your spiritual life, to fall asleep in God's rest.

Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 17	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Delores Sabel by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Stephen Voitek by Family
Sunday	August 18	St. John's	9:00 am	†Rich Lorenz by Family
Sunday	August 18	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	August 20	St. John's	8:00 am	†Joan Schueffner by Elsie Wagner
Tuesday	August 20	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Pearl Vogds by Family
Wednesday	August 21	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fredrick Beck by Benishek Family
Thursday	August 22	St. John's	8:00 am	†Bud Wagner by Family
Friday	August 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†Jim & Darlene Rach by Ken & Sharon Schmeling
Saturday	August 24	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Frederick Stanish by Cynthia Evanoff
Sunday	August 25	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	August 25	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	†Rodney & Lois Woveras by Family, †Therese Weber 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 24/25		
MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Evan Udovich Carter Udovich	Joseph B. Diane Hart
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	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Diane Dombrowski

FINANCIAL:
AUGUST 3: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,897.00.
AUGUST 10/11: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$5,816.31.

 **WELCOME TO THE PARISH:** Please welcome Bryan & Sarah Rolfs and their daughters Alexandra & Isabelle to the parish.

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 stjohnneb@btsje.org or call 920-452-9623.



EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Bible Study

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



2024 MISSION COOP APPEAL: PALLOTTINE FATHERS AND BROTHERS:

A special second collection will be taken for the Mission Co-op Appeal after Communion THIS weekend, August 17-18. Envelopes are in the pews and in the back of church. If you write a check, please make it out to St. John Evangelist Parish and put "MCP" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



August 23: Firehouse Park, Sheboygan

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

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER BUS TRIPS:

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION: The Catholic Life Center is hosting a bus trip, accompanied by Father Michael, to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion on **Friday, October 4**. Spend the day with Mass, Confession (if desired), and Rosary. Bus leaves St. John's at 7:55 am and arrives back at 3:45 pm. Cost is \$25.00 without a lunch or \$35.00 with a pre ordered lunch. Please see the sign-up sheet for lunch options. Registration is due by September 16. Seats are limited so sign up soon!



THE FIRESIDE "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET": The Catholic Life Center will be hosting a bus trip to The Fireside Theatre to see "The Miracle on 34th Street" 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.

THE EUCHARIST:

Today is the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time and since the last Sunday of July until the last Sunday of August, we have taken a break from reading St. Mark's Gospel, to reading chapter six from St. John's Gospel. The timing of this is perfect, as it follows the end of the National Eucharistic Revival where all Catholics in the US were called to renew and ignite their love of the Blessed Sacrament. Truly, what most distinguishes us as Catholics is that we have Jesus really, truly, substantially present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist at every Mass, in every tabernacle, in every Catholic church throughout the whole world!! And what is even more mind blowing is that if "we are what we eat" then every single Catholic who receives the Eucharist worthily becomes a "living tabernacle" or a "tabernacle with feet" to bring Christ into the world!! This is how we are to become Eucharistic missionaries!! He is truly with us and within us!! Throughout the Bible, we see God providing for our needs-He gave manna (bread from heaven) to the Israelites (Ex. 16:15); He came to us as a little baby in Bethlehem (Mt. 2:1 and Lk. 2:4), which means "house of bread" in Hebrew and was laid in a manger (Lk, 2:7), which was a feeding trough for animals and derives from the Latin word "mangia" which means "to eat"; He multiplied a small offering of loaves and fishes, not once but twice (Jn. 6:1-14 and Mt. 15:32-29) to feed thousands of people with many baskets left over and in John 6:35, Jesus declares "I AM the bread of life." What a gift and privilege we are given at EVERY Mass to have this miracle of "transubstantiation" happen through the power of the Holy Spirit acting through the priest to "alter on the altar" our simple offering of bread and wine (and ourselves) to become the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ! Let us ask Jesus to open our hearts to help us receive more worthily this bread of life that will transform us into the hands and feet of Christ to go out to a world desperate for the gifts and treasures of our Catholic faith!! How can we not, see you at Mass!!!

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



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL "WITNESS THE FIRE":

Join more than 10 Catholics from Sheboygan County who attended the National Eucharistic Conference as they share this transformational experience. It will be an evening that will set your hearts on fire too! We will have

Revival attendees from Plymouth, Elkhart Lake, Sheboygan North and South, and Kohler. Any revival attendee is welcome to witness! Whether you attended the conference or not, we all are part of the revival. Yes, that's right, the Revival is NOT OVER! You will leave inspired!~Mary Waitkus, Co-Director of the Catholic Life Center

Date: Monday, August 26

Time: 5:30pm Mass, 6:00 pm Revival witness

Location: St. Dominic Church, 2133 North 23rd Street, Sheboygan

LITTLE LOURDES DAY MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Will be held on **Wednesday, August 21 at 10:00 am** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish (818 Huron Avenue, Sheboygan). Numerous priests from around Sheboygan will concelebrate the Mass. Anointing will be offered to those whose health is seriously impaired by physical, mental, or emotional illness or age. It will be done during the Mass. If you have any questions, please contact the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Office at 920-458-7721. This is sponsored by the Sheboygan North Catholic Parish Human Concerns Committee. There will be fellowship with refreshments in the Narthex following the Mass.

HELP WANTED: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Elkhart Lake, WI is seeking a Director of Faith Formation. He/she will provide on-going faith formation, opportunities for faith integration into daily life and service projects. This person must be able to relate to a wide variety of people, have a spirit of generosity, and be able to work enthusiastically and collaboratively with others. Candidate must have a Bachelor's Degree preferably in Theology, or related study, or a degree and Basic Religious Education Certificate. This individual must be able to partake in the full Sacramental life of the Catholic Church. He/she should display a passion for Catholicism to help guide young people toward a life of holiness.

A complete job description is available by contacting the parish office. Please send resume and cover letter to: parishoffice@stthomasaquinasel.org by August 19th, 2024.

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



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Rich Tauferner

Nick Cinquepalmi

Paul Garni

Carol Marksteiner

Rick Michaletz

Ken Udovich

Trustees:

Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

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.

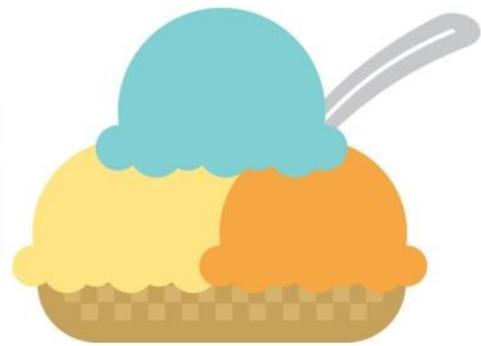
ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH WELCOME ICE CREAM & DONUT RECEPTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 25



WHAT: Attend the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass then attend a casual social reception with ice cream or attend 9:00 am Sunday Mass then stay for donuts and coffee.

WHERE: Mass inside St. John Evangelist Church; Reception will be outside (weather permitting).



This is a good opportunity to say welcome to our new Parochial Administrator, Father Michael and introduce yourself. Everyone is welcome!

Dear Padre,

Are naked statues, like Michelangelo's David, really appropriate for public viewing?

It is helpful to consider if the artwork depicts the body to heighten transcendence, or to objectify the body to satisfy basic instincts. Art is admittedly subjective, and the interpretation of nudity in true art is in the eye of the beholder. Nudity can evoke feelings of shame for some; for others, the nude body in art can be an aesthetic experience of illuminated grace in humanity, and ultimately in the glory of our Maker for all his gifts—including the gift of Christ's resurrection that restored us to the original image and likeness intended by our Creator.

Since ancient times, the nude human form was a common subject in art. The intention is to draw the viewer to a better appreciation of the human body's natural beauty. However, nudity is often associated with sexuality, and for some, sexuality is equated with sin.

In his series of addresses about the theology of the body, St. John Paul II expounded on original nakedness that was referred to in Scripture: "Man tries to cover the real origin of fear with the shame of his own nakedness" (Genesis 3:10). "In the state of original innocence nakedness did not express a lack. Rather, it represented full acceptance of the body..." (*Real Significance of Original Nakedness*, 1980).

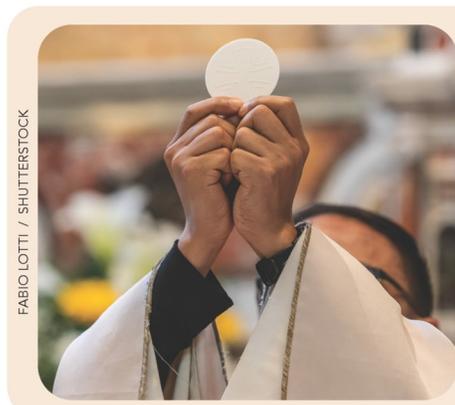
So to answer the question, assuming the purpose of the artist is to inspire, and the atmosphere in which the statue is viewed is conducive to such inspiration, yes, such a public display is appropriate. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



MORTA PONS MORETA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 19 <i>Weekday</i> Ez 24:15–23 Mt 19:16–22	August 20 <i>St. Bernard,</i> <i>Abbot and</i> <i>Doctor of the</i> <i>Church</i> Ez 28:1–10 Mt 19:23–30	August 21 <i>St. Pius X, Pope</i> Ez 34:1–11 Mt 20:1–16	August 22 <i>Queenship of</i> <i>the Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary</i> Ez 36:23–28 Mt 22:1–14	August 23 <i>Weekday</i> Ez 37:1–14 Mt 22:34–40	August 24 <i>St. Bartholomew,</i> <i>Apostle</i> Rv 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 25 <i>Twenty-first</i> <i>Sunday in</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i> Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b Eph 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32 Jn 6:60–69



FABIO LOTTI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Around the altar we find what spiritually feeds us and quenches our thirst today and for eternity.... The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 19, 2018