

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



AUGUST 25, 2024 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

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 Crossing10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE:

Hours:

Monday–Thursday

7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

7:00 - 11:00 am

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Email: stjohnnev@btsje.org

Website: stjohnkohler.org

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

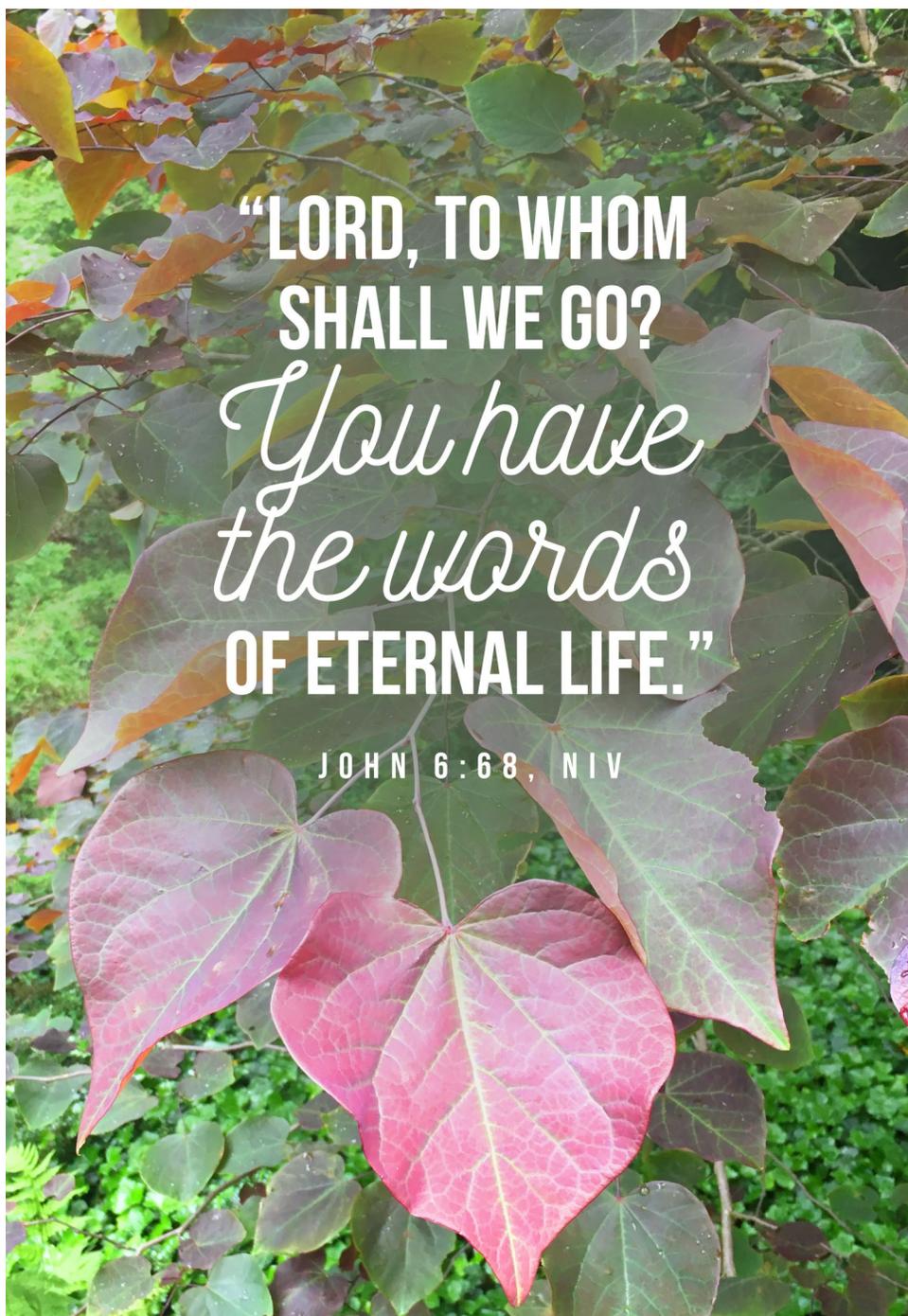
PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

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



Jesus Lets Them Go

Everywhere He goes, Jesus finds himself teaching through his signs, actions, and words. So many times, people express questions, doubts and difficulties and Jesus in turn responds, often with different explanations or in varied ways. When Jesus speaks in parables He then explains. If He offers a sign then He teaches, and if He teaches, He may clarify with a sign. Throughout all of the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus continues pointing back to the sign of feeding thousands with few loaves of bread, and teaches using the Passover, the manna in the desert when He proclaims that He Himself is the bread of life, and that to have eternal life you must eat of Him.



When others have questions and doubts Jesus does answer! He repeats his stance again and again until this Sunday's part where He rests His case. After Jesus rests his case the people around Him, His disciples included proclaim that "This saying is hard, who can accept it?" Many of them turn to leave and, in this most unusual situation, Jesus lets them leave. Unbelievable! He does not call after and say, "Wait you don't understand!" No, they certainly do understand, and Jesus knows this. Knowing the truth and accepting it are two different things, and Jesus unlike any other time when He teaches, lets people leave because they cannot accept it, not that they do not understand.

What are we to make of this? Jesus responds, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." Faith is a gift from God our Father, and we often misunderstand that. We think faith can be supplied by arguments, made by witness, and constructed by ourselves, but we are mistaken. Faith is bolstered by witness, fostered by ourselves, and barriers are removed by arguments, but faith is always primarily and foundationally a gift from God our Father. Why did Jesus let them leave? Because he removed all barriers, gave witness and saw that for them it was not yet time. He even offers to the Twelve to leave, but they stay, their gift of faith intact emboldened by the witness of Peter.

What should we learn from this? Personally, that study, experience, or witness sometimes resolves our doubts and questions, but that they can only be removed by God our Father. Why do we have these questions and doubts? Truly only God knows, and the only way we can find answers is by asking God the Father to draw us to greater faith. Our doubts, struggles and questions when brought to God in honest prayer, have pivotal timings in the growth in our spiritual lives.

When we try to evangelize, we need to realize who really does the convincing! We can do our best to witness, to invite and to remove barriers, but most importantly it is God the Father who draws all people. He wants our help for sure, but when we deem ourselves "unsuccessful" it may not be fair. God has a timing and plan for all people, and certain things may just not have had their time yet. Evangelization always begins with prayer because it truly is God's work to draw people to Him.

Fr. Michael

MASS INTENTIONS

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 am	†Rodney & Lois Woveras by Family, †Therese Weber by Family
Tuesday	August 27	St. John's	8:00 am	†Tom & Kathy Keyes by Sandy Jordan
Tuesday	August 27	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Joan Schueffner & Patrick Hefling by Suzanne Mattek
Wednesday	August 28	St. John's	7:00 am	†William Hoell by Shirley Hoell
Thursday	August 29	St. John's	8:00 am	†Bill Heimerl by Judy Heimerl
Friday	August 30	St. John's	7:00 am	†Judy Held by Benishek Family
Saturday	August 31	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad, †Victor & Helen Kampmann & Thomas McPherson by Family
Sunday	September 1	St. John's	9:00 am	†Dian Fuhrmann by Dan & Diane Dohms
Sunday	September 1	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 30 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, September 1 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

FINANCIAL: AUGUST 18, 2024: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,360.00

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$677.00

LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 1

MASSES	Sunday, 9:30 am
Lectors	Hollyann B. Katie Becker
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rich Tauferner
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	John Egan

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm for private prayer.



AN INVITATION TO:



WHAT: A 30 Minute Presentation of "Eucharistic Congress & "Walk with One"

WHEN: Saturday, September 7 after the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish.
Sunday, September 8 after the 9:00 am Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish and after the 10:30 am Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish.

More information in future bulletins.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Pastoral Council

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 am Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



2024 MISSION COOP APPEAL: PALLOTTINE FATHERS AND BROTHERS:

If you were unable to return your donation to this year's MCP, envelopes are 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. **To date, we have collected \$2,902.00.** Thank you to everyone who has donated.

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WEDNESDAYS: Beginning on September 18th and continuing on Wednesdays throughout the coming school year, we are in need of two or more Volunteers to Care for Kindergarten – Grade 6 Students after school, approximately 3:15 PM until 4:00 PM. Children meet in the Church Hall. Adult Child Care Volunteers must have Archdiocesan-mandated Safe Environment Training and a recent Background check. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 jeanne@btsje.org or call the St. John Evangelist Parish Office 920-452-9623.



It is good for us to spend time before the Tabernacle, to feel the gaze of Jesus upon us.
Pope Francis

Saint John's Evangelist - Kohler ADORATION

Do you have time to spend ONE HOUR with JESUS CHRIST?

ADORATION: THURSDAYS 8:30 am – 9:00 pm

If you have one hour and would like to spend an hour adoring Jesus, please call **Susan Vavra at 920-254-0898** or email iamsgtv@gmail.com

EUCHARTIC 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



BLESSED TRINITY AUTUMN FEST

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

This annual evening of fun will be held in the church hall and includes heavy appetizers, desserts, drinks, the BIG raffle, 20 Line Raffle, Bucket Raffles and Silent Auction. Returning this year will be Ryan Kautzer Duo polka music! BIG raffle tickets will be available in advance.

Come and mingle with fellow parishioners and community members while enjoying an evening of fun, food, music and drinks!

PLEASE DONATE!

To help make this fundraiser a success, we are asking parishioners to consider a donation! Donation ideas: gift cards; theme baskets; services; electronics; money to be used for cash raffle prizes; handmade items such as quilts, blankets, or wood crafted items are great!

All items must be new. Please email your idea/value to Lisa Reiter at reiterjl1@charter.net or fill out the form below and mail to the church office or place in Autumn Fest Donation Forms box located at back of church.

If any questions, call Carol Schwobe at 920-334-0583.

Please return donation forms by August 20. Items not needed until mid-October. Thank you!

Name:

Phone:

Items to donate (include value):

The Catholic Life Center

Mission: "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: *St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls*
 Contacts: *John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and*
Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC

September 2024

Catholicism with Bishop Barron

Wednesdays in September

10:00-11:15 am, SJE-Classrooms/Lower Level Conference Room



- September 4** Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist
- September 11** A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints
- September 18** The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit
- September 25** World Without End: The Last Things

In breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic Faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Join us for these videos and discussion. Attendance at all sessions is not needed.

****Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



Service Projects – CLC-Meeting Room

Making Cards for Meals on Wheels – Thursday, September 12 from 10:00-11:30 am

Making Table Bouquets for the Homebound – Thursday, September 19 from 1:00-2:30 pm

****Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

Pine Haven Presentation – Tuesday, September 17 from 10:00-11:00 am in the SJE Classrooms. Lynn Justinger, from Pine Haven Christian Communities, will offer a presentation on Pine Haven, specifically focusing on sharing information regarding their memory care homes, as well as their partnership with Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice, to support those receiving palliative or hospice care.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Presentation – Monday, September 23 from 3:00-4:00 pm in the CLC-Parish Meeting Room. Learn about BBBS and the programs they have to offer the community.

****Register with Mary for either program at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



Tiny Saints Story Time in St. John Evangelist Classrooms
September 19, 9:30-10:15 am in St. John Evangelist Classrooms
 Ideal for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers.





**It's
Back!**

Coffee Socials

Conversations Over Coffee

General Questions with Father Michael

Tuesday, September 24 from 10:00-10:50 am in the CLC-Meeting Room



Walk the Walk... Our adult walking program has restarted and is held every Tuesday & Thursday from September-May at 7:30-8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. An elevator is not available. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions, call the CLC.



Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Saving Mr. Banks*

This biographical drama describes the journey of how Walt Disney got the film rights for the novel, Mary Poppins and the relationship he created with the author in the process.

Wednesday, September 11 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room

Starring
Tom Hanks
and Emma
Thompson



Fall Mug Bouquet Workshop

Tuesday, September 10 from 1:00-2:00 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room

Please bring your own mug. Flowers provided. Cost – freewill offering.

****Registration required with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+

Socials: Wednesday, September 11 at 5:00 pm for dinner at El Rancho Viejo, 124 Pine Street, Sheboygan Falls. Please respond by September 6 to Patty Daun 920-207-9023 or pattydaun60@gmail.com.

Hikes/Walks: Thursday, September 26 at Evergreen Park, 3000 Calumet Drive, Sheboygan. Weather permitting. We will meet at 10:00 am in the Blessed Trinity parking lot. We will carpool/ caravan from church. Bring your own lunch for a picnic afterwards. To sign up, contact Jim Klich by Sunday, September 22 by calling/texting 920-946-0809.

****For more information contact Mary from the CLC at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

Educational Programs

Cell Phone Education by Appointment – If you have questions on how to use your cell phone, appointments are available on an as-needed basis. **Contact Mary – see below.**

Formed.org Education by Appointment – If you have questions on how to sign up or use [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org), appointments are available on an as-needed basis. Access this site for diverse Catholic programs for all ages. **Contact Mary – see below.**



****Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**

Dear Padre,

A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●



PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY MARY, MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, DIEGO FLORE / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
Weekday	<i>St. Monica</i>	<i>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	Weekday	Weekday	<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 Mt 23:13–22	2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 Mt 23:23–26	2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 Mt 23:27–32	1 Cor 1:1–9 Mk 6:17–29	1 Cor 1:17–25 Mt 25:1–13	1 Cor 1:26–31 Mt 25:14–30	Dt 4:1–2, 6–8 Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27 Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



STEVE LOVEGROVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you— you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 27, 2023