

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 TWENTY-SECOND 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

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

## Readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”*

Mark 7: 15,



## Who Are The Pharisees?

This Sunday we return to the Gospel of Mark where Jesus is rebuking the practices of the Pharisees. It's important to know the context of what is going on to understand exactly why Jesus so often argues publicly with them. The Pharisees were just one of the leading groups of Jewish political and theological leaders, but they were some of the most prominent. Their names come from the Hebrew word for separation, so literally translated they would be the "separatists". Their reading of the Jewish tradition in their context was that God's people were led astray and thus were being punished by Roman occupation. Their solution was to separate themselves from society as prescribed in the Mosaic Law so to regain their purity and achieve their ideal of holiness. They believed that when the goal of this separate holiness was achieved, they would be able to be free of Roman occupation and have their own separate nation as well.



The goal of separation holiness was to be achieved through ritual holiness. In Mosaic Law this related to the food you ate, what clothes you wore, what company you kept, and when you could act. These things were seen as actions that created a separate holy people that was God's own. The Pharisees feared that they would eat the same food as the gentiles, wear the same clothes as the gentiles, act like the gentiles, and then they would worship the same gods as the gentiles! Then God's people would be defiled, and their holiness and separateness would be lost. These ritual customs were not seen by the Pharisees to be representative of holiness, they were seen as the reality. Therefore if all of God's chosen people would live totally separate lives they would be free!

The Pharisaical utopia however was not even supported by the progression of the covenants. Looking at the development of God's covenants from the time of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, King David, and to Jeremiah, all develop and grow the spirituality of God's people. These covenants all had different terms, goals, contractors, and conditions which manifest how God would lead his people. The Mosaic covenant was to form a people brought out of slavery in Egypt so they would worship as one people separate from their slave masters. Holiness was conveyed by God being different than all the other gods and selecting a people different from all the other peoples. God however elaborates further in his covenant with King David where King David was told God's chosen people would be a light to all the nations, and they were invited into relationship with the God who is God over all the nations. These covenants have very different aims, not nullifying the other, but gradually showing forth more of God to His people.

Jesus offers a new covenant that continues to build on the previous ones, but the Pharisees were not even current with their own times! They were not looking for a fulfillment of the Covenant given to Jeremiah in exile that was written on all their hearts, they were not looking for a fulfillment of the Covenant given to King David about being a guide to all the world, and they did not recognize the critique and development of the Mosaic covenant found in the prophets. Their view of holiness was not in line with where revelation was, and Jesus was going to bring it even further! Jesus was fighting against their view of separation holiness because it wasn't the full picture. Jesus who is God, Holiness itself, was not separate from the world, rather Holiness became man. He entered into the midst of all things, so the Pharisees vision of separation holiness was diametrically opposed to Jesus' own existence. Jesus was calling them out of an immature version of holiness into a greater understanding, one that He would show them by taking up His cross, and uniting God to His people.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 30	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 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	September 3	St. John's	8:00 am	†Carl Wick by Family
Tuesday	September 3	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Vi Scharenbroch by John & Ann Wieseckel
Wednesday	September 4	St. John's	7:00 am	†William Hoell by Shirley Hoell
Thursday	September 5	St. John's	8:00 am	†Leonard & Margaret Tomczyk by Nancy Matthews
Friday	September 6	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dick Schaetz by Michaletz Family
Friday	September 6	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Joyce Schneider by Joseph Schneider
Saturday	September 7	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Dick & Jean Gilsdorf by Family, †Mike Ferk by Family
Sunday	September 8	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 8	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	†Bill Jens by Family, †Ed & Betty Jesinski by Sue Woveras

We have a lot to learn from how Jesus critiques and calls out the Pharisees. Do we return to immature ideals in the face of difficulty in the world? Do we look for and judge holiness in ways that only God can know? Do we let Jesus tell us what holiness is, or do we try to define it for ourselves? Do we unite the call to love God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves? As the "Church People" of the world it's very easy for us to have some of the same struggles as the Pharisees. It's important that we don't see the Pharisees in the Gospel as the "straw man" for Jesus to cut down. These encounters with Jesus are things for us to consider and then to identify the common difficulties we face, to refine our understanding, our love, and our ideal life of holiness in order that we might better unite ourselves with a God who wants to be one with us in everything.

*Fr. Michael*

LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 8	
MASSES	Sunday 9:00 am
Lectors	Justin Spaeth Hollyann B.
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
 Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, September 7 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, September 6 from 6:00 - 6:45 am and immediately following Mass and Sunday, September 8 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:**  
 Religious Education and Information forms were mailed in early August and can also be found on our St. John Evangelist website. They must be returned this week. They are needed for planning purposes, and to be sure we have teachers/catechists and materials for all students. Please contact Jeanne Bitkers or Teresa Bettag with any questions. The Religious Education Program begins on September 11 with a Family Mass.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1</b>	
8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3</b>	
8:00 am	Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4</b>	
7:00 am	Mass
6:30 pm	Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5</b>	
8:00 am	Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Adoration
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6</b>	
6:00 - 6:45 am	Reconciliation
7:00 am	Mass
7:30 am	Reconciliation
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8</b>	
8:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass



## 2024 MISSION COOP APPEAL: PALLOTTINE FATHERS AND BROTHERS:

Please return your donation for the Mission Coop Appeal by this weekend. 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 \$4,217.00.** Thank you to everyone who has donated.

**STEPPING ON:** The Sheboygan County Aging & Disability Resource Center through the Catholic Life Center is presenting "Stepping On" at Blessed Trinity Parish. Running on Mondays from October 21 to December 2 from 9:30 - 11:30 am, learn to identify fall hazards in the home. They will also cover how vision, hearing, medication, and footwear affect risk of falling. They will teach strength and balance exercises that can be adapted to individual level as well as ways to get back on your feet the right way if you fall. Registration is required by calling 920-467-4020. This program is free, but a \$20.00 donation is appreciated. Please contact Mary Waitkus with any questions.



**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed on 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.

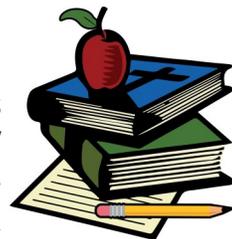
**SUNDAY SOCIAL:** There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, September 8.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and some coffee.  The social is hosted by the Social Justice Committee.

**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.**

## The New School Year



The start of the new 2024-25 School Year is right around the corner. August has come to an end and vacation-time is almost over. As most parents/grandparents and others know, getting children ready to return to school can be a challenge. One of the best things parents and caregivers can do for children, is to establish some clear routines. Consistency is important. Here are some suggestions:

In finding a routine that works, designate time for religious education classes, sports practices and other outside activities, as well as things like family meals. Getting outside or playing games after dinner is a great way to spend time with one another and take a “brain break”. This can also be good for adults and can help to transition into homework time for the whole family. Having a dedicated space in common rooms of a home helps children stay focused on their homework and helps adults see what their students are doing and what they're learning.

Checking backpacks every day is a good way parents and caregivers of young children can learn about what's happening at school. Reading e-mail from school personnel is a must. The school and parish websites should be checked frequently as well. Having a designated space for things that children will need the next day can help to lessen stress in the morning.

A regular bedtime is also beneficial for children as is creating a restful sleep environment for children and teens as well. If possible, don't let them go to their rooms with their screens. Research shows that the blue light from screens sends signals to the brain that it is daytime, making it more difficult to wind down and sleep.

Most importantly, don't forget family prayer. Pray before meals and give each family member an opportunity to share a blessing they have received during the day or to ask for prayers for a special intention and remember to make the Sunday Mass an essential and regular weekly family experience. This is one of the best ways to foster faith in children and to strengthen family bonds throughout the school year and beyond. May this 2024-25 school year bring much joy and many blessings to each and all.

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



### 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.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** 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. They 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

# 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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### FINANCE COUNCIL:

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### 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](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or call the St. John Evangelist Parish Office 920-452-9623.

### FINANCIAL:

**AUGUST 24/25:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$9,586.50.

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.



# CLC Calendar

## September 2024



- September 4 - **Word Made Flesh, Tue Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:15 am, SJE Classrooms
- September 9 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- September 10 - **Fall Mug Bouquet Workshop**, 1:00-2:00 pm CLC-MR
- September 11 - **A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:15 am, SJE Classrooms
- September 11 - Movie Matinee, *Saving Mr. Banks*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- September 11 - **BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+ Dinner**, 5:00 pm, El Rancho Viejo, Sheboygan Falls
- September 12 - **Service Project:** Cards for Meals on Wheels, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- September 17 - **Pine Haven Presentation** by Lynn Justinger, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE Classrooms
- September 18 - **The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:15 am, SJE Lower-Level Conference Room
- September 19 - Tiny Saints Story Time, 9:30-10:15 am, SJE classrooms
- September 19 - **Service Project:** Table Bouquets for the Homebound, 1:00-2:30 pm, CLC-MR
- September 19 - Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- September 23 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- September 23 - **Big Brothers Big Sisters Presentation**, 3:00-4:00 pm, CLC-PMR
- September 24 - **Conversations Over Coffee** with Fr. Michael, General Questions, 10:00-10:50 am, CLC-MR
- September 25 - **World Without End: The Last Things** by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:15 am, SJE Lower-Level Conference Room
- September 26 - **BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+ Hike/Walk** in Evergreen Park, meeting at 10:00 am in the Blessed Trinity parking lot

### Save the Dates!

- October 4 – The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion Bus Trip with Fr. Michael
- October 19 – Young Adult Mass/Social, 4:00-9:00 pm, Social in the CLC
- October 21 – ADRC Stepping On Program Starts, 9:30-11:30 am
- November 17 – Fireside Dinner Theater Bus Trip, Miracle on 34th Street

**Register for events or call with questions –**  
**Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto: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,

## ***Do Christians need to follow the Ten Commandments, or are they the “Old Law”?***

There is nothing arbitrary or old-fashioned about the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments, given to us by the Author of the World, are found in Exodus 20:2–17. They are: (1) I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (2) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (3) Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day. (4) Honor your father and your mother. (5) You shall not kill. (6) You shall not commit adultery. (7) You shall not steal. (8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (9) You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. (10) You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

The first three Commandments were meant to guide us in our relationship with God; the remaining seven Commandments pertain to our relationships with others. Jesus gives us a new motivation for keeping the Commandments—the motivation of love. He gives a double commandment: love of God and love of neighbor (Mark 12:28–34). Saint Paul tells us these new commands fulfill those of the Old Law (Romans 13:8–10); and John writes that keeping the Commandments simply out of fear of punishment is not enough: love must be the driving force (1 John 4:18). ●



ADAM JAN FIGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK

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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*.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Cor 2:1–5 Lk 4:16–30	1 Cor 2:10b–16 Lk 4:31–37	1 Cor 3:1–9 Lk 4:38–44	1 Cor 3:18–23 Lk 5:1–11	1 Cor 4:1–5 Lk 5:33–39	1 Cor 4:6b–15 Lk 6:1–5	Is 35:4–7a Jas 2:1–5 Mk 7:31–37



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*We spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter, and keep God away from our heart.... One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness...which closes the door to God. Let us ask the Lord today to free us from blaming others....*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 29, 2021