

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parochial Administrator:

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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

Address:

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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

2nd & 4th Saturdays: 3:00 pm

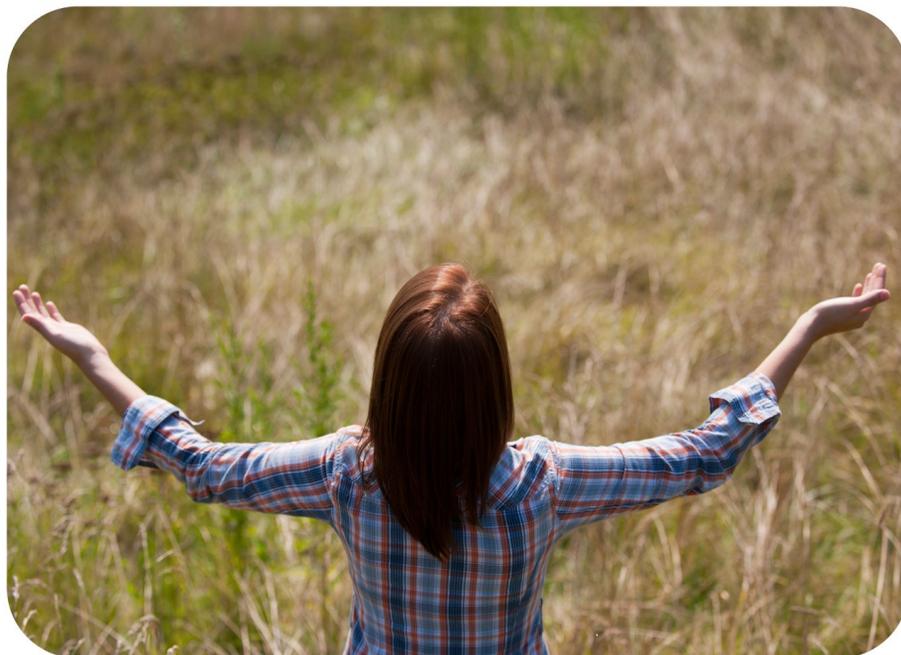
Readings for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

They were astounded beyond measure, saying,



“He has done **EVERYTHING** well;
he even makes the deaf to **HEAR**
and the mute to **SPEAK.**”

Mark 7:37, NRSV

Doing More Together

I am excited to announce a new hire in the parishes! Courtney Krusiec, a St. John Evangelist parishioner, is our new Director of Administrative Services (DAS). This means a change in staffing for both parishes and how we look at the management of both St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes. In the past, the DAS was a separate position in each parish. We are putting the jobs together so we can look at opportunities and challenges in our parishes with a broader perspective.



In addition, Lynn Walvoort will now be the bookkeeper at both Blessed Trinity and St. John's Parishes. Lynn has worked as the DAS and Bookkeeper at Blessed Trinity for over 20 years. We will now benefit by having both Courtney and Lynn work together to oversee the business, financial and administrative tasks facing both parishes.

When two or more parishes start collaborating there are sometimes questions that arise. Are we merging? How are our finances? Is something wrong? The short answer is that we are doing well at both parishes. There is a lot of energy, many volunteers, growing Mass attendance and stable finances. We aren't merging, and there is nothing wrong, and that is precisely why now is the perfect time to work together! Instead of existing in a holding pattern where each parish solidifies its position as parish, we can consolidate our energies, our time, our talent and our treasure to go and do God's work. Working together as parishes can help us reduce repetitive parallel work, to stop unintentionally competing with each other, and to focus instead on capturing and capitalizing on what God has placed before us.

A great example of this is that we will be moving to a shared bulletin. Bulletins convey important information, but Blessed Trinity and St. John's Parishes currently produce separate bulletins that frequently convey the same important information. Starting the first Sunday in Advent, we will have one bulletin with information about activities and events in both parishes. This means that the time spent designing, collecting, formatting, editing, printing and distributing two bulletins can be spent preparing one publication and the extra time, talent and energy can be used to support other areas of the parish.

Working together does not mean doing less. It means doing a whole lot more. There is much work to be done in both parishes that we can't quite get to at this time because of a limited vision. We can achieve a lot more working together!

Fr. Michael

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS: The 2024-2025 Religious Education year begins with a special Mass on Wednesday, September 11 at 5:15 pm. All families of Religious Education students are expected to attend. There will be a short meeting for the 4K-Grade 6 parents immediately following the Mass. Everyone is welcome!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 am	†Bill Jens by Family, †Ed & Betty Jesinski by Sue Woveras
Tuesday	September 10	St. John's	8:00 am	†Joan Otto by Cindy, Jon, & Kurtis Hoffman
Tuesday	September 10	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad
Wednesday	September 11	St. John's	7:00 am	†Teresa & Don Benishek by Benishek Family
Wednesday	September 11	St. John's	5:15 pm	†Fr. Richard Cerpich
Thursday	September 12	St. John's	8:00 am	†John Markgraf by Paul Morgan Family
Friday	September 13	St. John's	7:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	September 13	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Anthony Mallmann by Betty Mallmann
Saturday	September 14	St. John's	4:00 pm	†James & Elaine Denzin by Family
Sunday	September 15	St. John's	9:00 am	†Orville & Dorene Hoerz & Ruthanne Hyland
Sunday	September 15	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, September 14 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, September 15 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 14/15

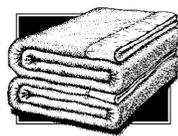
MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Gerry Loth	Colleen Kuhn Susan Vavra
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Steve O'Neil Peter Guske
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Diane & Dave Hart



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS PRESENTATION:

Susan Vavra will be hosting a 30-minute presentation about the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis that she and others attended in July. Join her after one of this weekend Masses at Blessed Trinity Parish immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass or the 10:30 am Masses in the parish hall or at St. John Evangelist Parish immediately following the 9:00 am Mass in Classroom #8 in the Religious Education wing.

FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 1: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$1,812.51.



MISSION SOCIETY:

The Mission Society will resume quilting activities on Tuesday, September 17th from 8:30 - 11:00 in the Mission room, located in the lower level of the church building. All are welcome.

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



EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
 9:00 am Mass
 10:00 am Eucharistic Congress
 Presentation
 Classroom #8

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 am Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 am Mass
 3:00 pm Property &
 Maintenance
 5:15 pm Religious Education
 Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

3:00 pm Reconciliation
 4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 am Reconciliation
 9:00 am Mass

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.



CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER BUS TRIP: 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**.



Cursillo is a full-immersion, spiritually life-changing experience to be lived over the course of three days alongside fellow Catholics who desire to reignite and transform their faith.

Through fellowship, the sacraments, and "short courses" highlighting piety (prayer), study, and action, Cursillo rejuvenates prayer life, offers friendship within a vibrant Catholic community, ignites the Holy Spirit to kickstart personal discipleship, and opens the heart for a deeper love and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Men's Weekend Oct 3 – 6 – St John the Baptist, Plymouth

Women's Weekend Oct 17 – 20 St Nicholas, Freedom

Ask Dan and Nancy Mathieu and Liz Holtz about their personal experience

See our Parish Facebook page and watch testimonials or

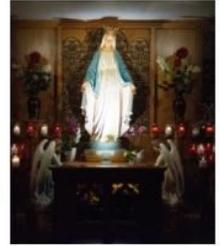
go to www.milwcurssillo.com.



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.**



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 Chair: Rob Wenberg

Bob Goldsmith

Ryan Kuhn

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Chairperson.....Steve O'Neil

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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

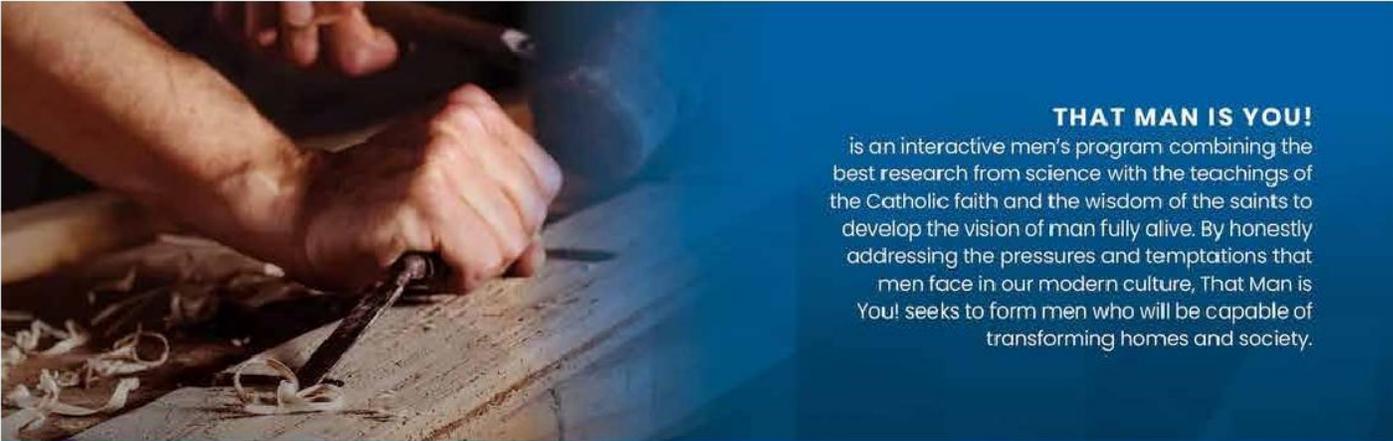
The Sheboygan Falls Community Food Pantry:

The Sheboygan Falls Community Food Pantry: The Sheboygan Falls Community Food Pantry, located at 529 Giddings Avenue, is currently in need of volunteers to fill the positions of President and Secretary of the pantry. These offices are held for two (2) year terms and will begin on January 1, 2025. The President and Secretary work closely with the Pantry Manager and Treasurer to ensure that the pantry runs smoothly and that our clients always feel welcomed while receiving the assistance that they need. The pantry is a nonprofit organization founded by the Sheboygan Falls Clergy Association in 1986, to establish one pantry collectively operated by ALL churches in Sheboygan Falls. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these positions. Jesus asks us to feed His sheep. This is a wonderful opportunity to do so.

If interested or with questions, please contact Heidi O'Neill at 920-254-6064.

Thank you. ~Jim O'Neill

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.



THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



WORTHY OF THE CALL

FEATURING A POWERFUL TEAM OF PRESENTERS

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION AS YOU:

- Discover and embrace the call to live a life worthy of the call you have received.
- Discover how to stay awake in a woke culture.
- Experience a breathtakingly beautiful journey through The Joyful Mysteries from the Holy Land this Advent.
- Identify the internal and external struggle with the power of evil and create a pathway to overcome it.
- Lift up your heart and mind to Christ with powerful Lenten Reflections.
- Enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday through Jewish eyes and experience the Triduum like never before.
- Embrace the call to lay down your life in loving sacrifice, bring joy into your home and manifest the merciful love of God the Father.
- Remain grafted to the vine to bear a hundred-fold fruitfulness.
- Experience the holy grit of the Saints while relying upon the holy grace of God.



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DR. JOHN BERGSMA
PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY



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FORMER NAVY SEAL



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MARK HARTFIEL
VICE PRESIDENT, PARADISUS DEI

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Every Saturday during school yr.
CLC building at Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls, WI

SCHEDULE:

6:45am Doors open. **1st session is Sept 14**
Donuts/Coffee/Fraternity
7:15 Video 7:50 Small Group Discussion
8:30 Dismiss

REGISTRATION:

Register at all Masses
Sept. 6/7
or by QR code.



Dear Padre,

What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Monday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 5:1–8
Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 10
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1–11
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 11
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25–31
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 12
Weekday
1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13
Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Sunday

September 15
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c–9a
Jas 2:14–18
Mk 8:27–35

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!....

The healing of the heart begins with listening....

We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us:

“Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021