

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH 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

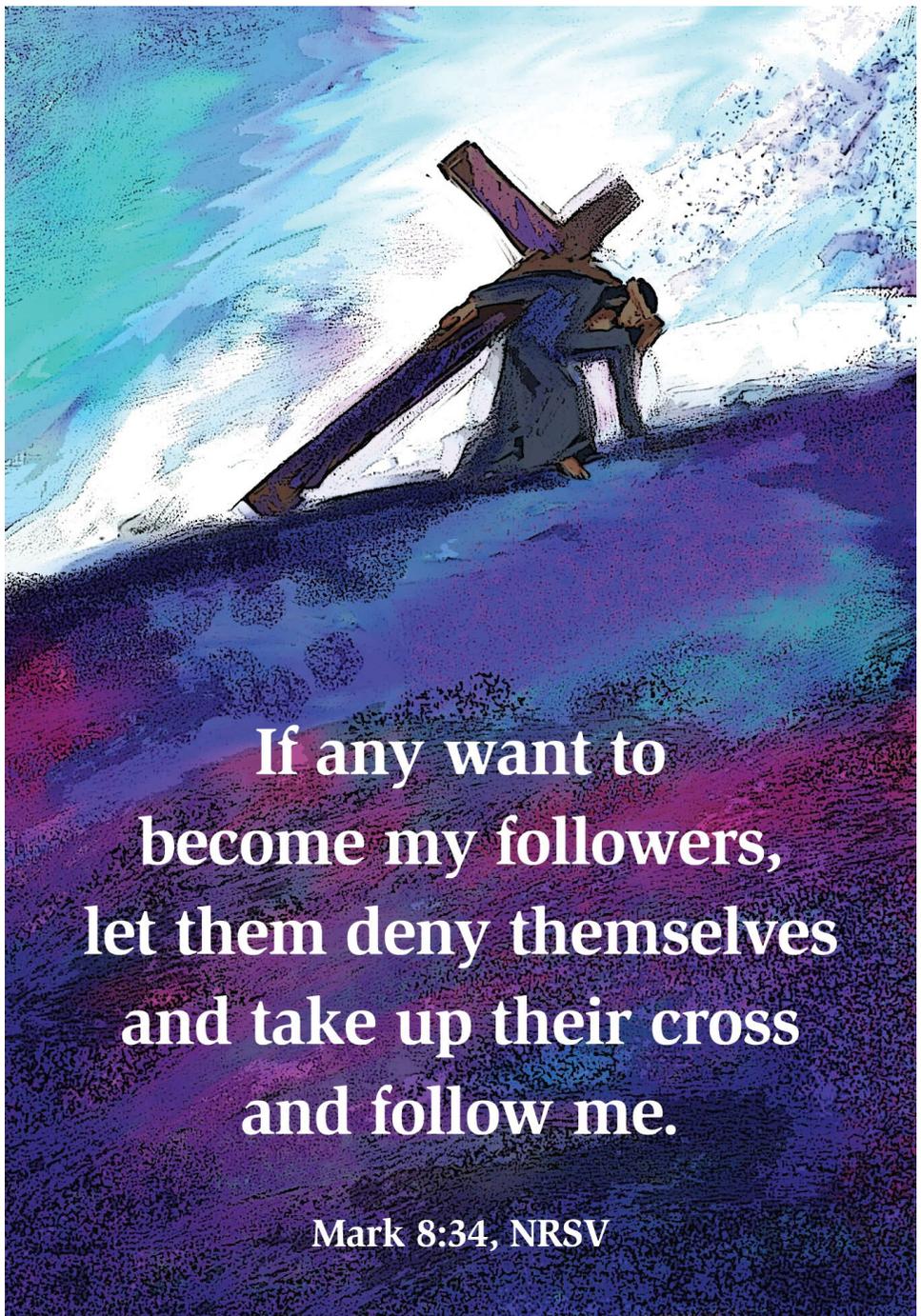
**2nd & 4th Saturdays:** 3:00 pm

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

2nd Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

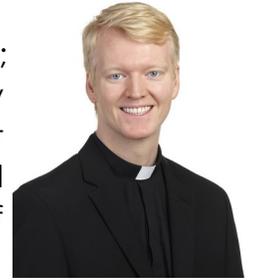


**If any want to  
become my followers,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross  
and follow me.**

**Mark 8:34, NRSV**

## Daily Mass and Times

It's the most difficult decision of any priest's daily life to change Mass Times; however, they are changing anyway with a return of daily Masses to Blessed Trinity Parish. We now have a great opportunity to try some new things and see what works. The elevator work is not being done on any regular schedule at Blessed Trinity, so daily Masses are returning there with a twist. Beginning the week of October 6th, the new Daily Mass schedule is as follows:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 AM BT (Fr. Fleischman)	12:10 PM BT	6:45 AM SJE	6:45 AM SJE	7:00 AM SJE (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday only) 12:10 PM BT

These Mass times are all a little different, because I hope to encourage people with different schedules to attend Mass. The 12:10 PM Masses at Blessed Trinity Parish are a great addition to Catholic Life Center activities, and a great way to build community with friends and visitors. It's also a great time to meet with friends and get lunch after. I've seen this Mass time do well with homeschooling families and with Mom's groups.

The change of the 7:00 AM to 6:45 AM is certainly not drastic, but I wanted to try a small shift to see if that allows for more working people to attend. Currently, there are some working people who attend, but most say it's not early enough. If we move to 6:45 AM, we should let people who start work at 7:30 AM attend Mass without a rush. We may need to go earlier, or we may return to 7:00 AM if attendance does not change. The demand for a 7:00 AM first Friday Mass was clear, so it will remain until an alternative Mass is offered in the area.

What I ask in these changes is to look beyond what is offered at just our two parishes, but what is offered in the entire Sheboygan County. Growing up, my parents went to many different churches that were not "our parish" for daily Mass as it fit into their schedules. I would ask you, and others in the county, to consider a Mass time that fits your schedule. To help with this, here is a table of all of the Mass times in the area, most not requiring much more driving. With the changes in our Mass schedule, I hope to fill in with Mass times that are not currently available in the area, and to avoid competing with similar Mass times offered by other parishes. I pray and hope you can fit a daily Mass or two a week into your schedule, because it is a beautiful boon to our lives!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:15 AM Immaculate Conception	7:15 AM Sts. Cyril and Methodius	6:45 AM St. John Evangelist	6:45 AM St. John Evangelist	7 AM (First Fridays) St. John Evangelist
8:00 AM Blessed Trinity and St. John the Baptist	12:10 PM Blessed Trinity	8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Clement	8:00 AM St. Clement and St. John the Baptist	8 AM Holy Name and St. Thomas Aquinas
12:00 PM St. Nicholas Hospital	5:15 PM St. Clement (Spanish)	8:30 AM Immaculate Conception	5:00 PM St. Peter Claver	8:30 AM St. Peter Claver
5:30 PM St. Dominic		12:00 PM St. Nicholas Hospital		12:10 PM Blessed Trinity

*Fr. Michael*

# MASS INTENTIONS

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 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	September 17	St. John's	8:00 am	†Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica Jensen
Tuesday	September 17	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Mary Kay Hicks by Mary Jo Boldt
Wednesday	September 18	St. John's	7:00 am	†Pegge Daoust by K & S Schmeling
Thursday	September 19	St. John's	8:00 am	†Gordon Sr. & Virginia Rammer by LuAnne Immel & Rick Rammer
Friday	September 20	St. John's	7:00 am	†Phyllis Biskup
Saturday	September 21	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of the O'Neill Family by Jim & Heidi O'Neill, †Edwin & Delores Sabel by Family, †Victor & Helen Kampmann and Thomas McPherson by Family
Sunday	September 22	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	September 22	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	†Alphonse & Rosemary Reiter and Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter, †Carol Schuessler by Family

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, September 21 at 3:00 pm and St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, September 22 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

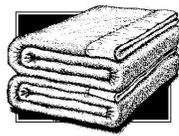
## LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 22

MASSES	Sunday 9:00 am
Lectors	Paul Garni Steve O'Neil
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil



**RETIREMENT:** With sincere thanks and well wishes congratulations are extended to John O'Dell who is retiring from his position as Co-Director of the Catholic Life Center this weekend. John has shared his Faith, his many gifts as well as his joy, enthusiasm, and his care for others so generously during the years he has served both St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Parishes. We are most grateful! Godspeed, John! May God Bless you and all you hold dear with Peace, Love and much Joy as you begin a new chapter and continue to serve God and others in new and varied ways.

**FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 8:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,011.00.



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

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

3:00 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 am Mass  
8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 am Mass  
9:30 - 10:15 am Tiny Saints Story Time  
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education  
4K- Grade 6  
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education  
Grades 7 - 12

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 am Mass  
8:30 am - 9:00 pm Adoration  
2:00 pm Bible Study

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 am Mass

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass



Save the Date

**SAVE THE DATES:** The St. John Evangelist Social Justice Committee will be sponsoring the following service opportunities:

- **Emmaus Meal** on October 12 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm
- **Feed My Starving Children** on October 12 from 8:00-10:00 am or 11:00 -1:00 pm

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space or contact Sharon at 920-980-9622.



**ROSARY LEADERS:** The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We are looking for individuals or couples to say the rosary 20 minutes prior to the weekend Masses in October. If you are willing to do this, please contact Rich at 920-918-5066.



**CHOIR:** Has begun. Next practice is a combined choir practice at Blessed Trinity Parish on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm. New voices are always welcome!

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday Bible Study group has disbanded.



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**Cursillo**  
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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

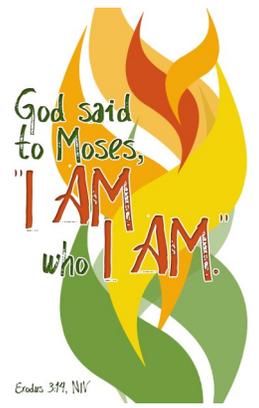
See our Parish Facebook page and watch testimonials or

go to [www.milwecursillo.com](http://www.milwecursillo.com).

## “WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”:

As we enter into a new school year and another year of religious education, our Gospel for today's 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time calls us, challenges us and empowers us to embrace the mystery (in Greek, Mysterion means “secret”) of the Cross. For it is truly Jesus on the cross where His glory is revealed and we come to know the depth of God's love for us! If you have ever watched the game show “Jeopardy” you know that one has to ask the question to the answer that is given, but hidden in the answer is often a clue, so the question that Jesus asks Peter and the other disciples today of “who do people say that I am?” has the clue of “I am” hidden in the question. This is another instance of Jesus revealing His divinity, for if the disciples recalled the incidence of Moses and the burning bush (that didn't get consumed), we hear what God calls Himself. Usually in the Bible, His name is in all capital letters, and it reads “I AM WHO AM.” (Ex. 3:14) Have you ever realized that God is all being, His essence is presence! Most of us have to say, “I am.....fill in the blank with your name, your vocation, your job title, your state of being, e.g. tired, happy, content, etc., but God just is...I AM! None of us have ever probably had a mountaintop encounter with God like Moses, but we still believe that God is present in us and with us and within us!! We can discern His presence in nature, in Scripture, in the sacraments and especially in the Eucharist at every Mass and in the people around us. There are countless ordinary ways that God is present to us every day-we just need eyes of faith to notice Him and then let it sink in just how much God loves us and is present in our lives! Our first religious education class begins this Wednesday, September 18 for our 7-12th graders and our 4K- Grade 6 students as well. Every year my prayer is for our students to “fall in love with Jesus.” My hope is for all of them to really KNOW Him and so may I please ask for your good prayers that our loving Father will break into our ordinary lives so that all of us will really know and believe that “I AM loved” by Jesus who died on a cross for love of me/us/them!! **That** will be faith formation. See you at Mass.

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



## 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**.

**LANDSCAPING HELP NEEDED:** We are looking for people to help prune some plants on **Friday, September 27 at 9:00 am**. Laura Drew will be on site to give directions on the pruning. All help is appreciated.

# 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

### 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.

# tiny saints

# STORYTIME

3rd Thursday of the Month  
9:30-10:15AM

IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS  
STORYTIME MEETS IN THE CLASSROOMS AT  
ST. JOHN EVANGELIST - 601 VALLEY ROAD, KOHLER

An illustration of a group of diverse children sitting on a green grassy area. In the center, a child with blonde hair is reading a large brown book with a red cross on the cover. To the left, a boy with dark hair is smiling. To the right, a girl with dark curly hair is smiling. In the foreground, the backs of several other children's heads are visible, including one with dark curly hair and one with blonde hair.

Join us for a  
religious themed story

activities & crafts themed around the story  
caregiver talking points for conversation

# Dear Padre,

*Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ... Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?"... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.*

**HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

### Monday

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33  
Lk 7:1–10

### Tuesday

September 17  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a  
Lk 7:11–17

### Wednesday

September 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13  
Lk 7:31–35

### Thursday

September 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:1–11  
Lk 7:36–50

### Friday

September 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 15:12–20  
Lk 8:1–3

### Saturday

September 21  
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

### Sunday

September 22  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 2:12, 17–20  
Jas 3:16–4:3  
Mk 9:30–37