

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

"All things
are possible
for God."

Mark 10:27



Praying Amidst Distraction

I've had several great conversations lately about prayer and distractions. I think the solution isn't always what it seems. When we are distracted during prayer, we often feel that we have done something wrong, and we kick ourselves and question why we can't focus. This, however, only temporarily removes our distractions, and they come back with full force. I want to offer some other considerations when you feel distracted in your prayer.



The first is that distractions are a natural occurrence in our brain when we try to slow down. If we sit down to eat lunch alone, we will probably find ourselves thinking about what happened so far today and what will need to happen yet today. This is ultimately what a "distraction" is, it's our brain trying to organize what is going on. This process must happen, but we often don't give it any time! If we sit down to pray this will probably happen to us too. We need to give it time to run its course, and to bring what our "distractions" are to God. If you want to reduce these distractions at Mass or another time of prayer, try to build in a buffer time of silence. If we give ourselves a couple minutes to get settled, to offer what has happened and what needs yet to happen, then we will be able to be more present in our prayer.

The second is that we should look and be aware of patterns that arise in our distractions. If we continually are distracted by a particular relationship, difficulty, or task it probably warrants some reflection. Distractions may seem random but may make more sense than we appreciate. We are distracted by things for a reason, and these are frequent happenings they may be worth noting. Maybe we need to forgive or apologize to someone? Maybe we need to change how we think about our work. Maybe we need to stop putting so much emphasis on our external performance. If we are constantly "distracted" by these things in prayer, maybe they instead should be the focus of reflection.

The third is that God often speaks to us through the frequency of these distractions. When we pray in silence, or with devotionals like the rosary, things naturally bubble up from inside us. Memories, ideas, things we care about, things we would rather not face arise when we give them space in prayer. This isn't a problem of distraction, it's a feature of prayer! These may not intentionally be the object of our meditation, but this is a way God often shows us His priority in our prayer instead of our own. It's a wonderful tangent that God draws us on that may seem like a distraction, but it is very guided by Him.

Distractions certainly are more common because our lives are regularly noisy. Our phones and other things hold our attention. There is always something to do, hear about, comment on or react to. This tires out our brains considerably! We are generally starved for silence, and the natural things our brain does when we are silent seem alien and strange as a result. At best we need to give in to the uncertainty of silence and of boredom. This opens us up to see so much more of ourselves, and to relate it to God in prayer.

Fr. Michael

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (WEEK OF OCT. 6)

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 st Friday only) 12:10 PM BT

MASS INTENTIONS

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 am	†Alphonse & Rosemary Reiter and Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter, †Carol Schuessler by Family
Tuesday	September 24	St. John's	8:00 am	†Bill Heimerl & Victor Leider by Judy Heimerl
Tuesday	September 24	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Pearl Vogds by Family
Wednesday	September 25	St. John's	7:00 am	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand, Carol Mertzig, and Robert Savala by Family
Thursday	September 26	St. John's	8:00 am	†Carol Flerchinger by Frank & Peggy Eder, †LeRoy & Frances Juckem
Friday	September 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Wayne Warbler by Family
Saturday	September 28	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Leo, Hank, Jenny, & Laurie by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Sunday	September 29	St. John's	9:00 am	†Colby & Weber Families by Mark & Elly Weber
Sunday	September 29	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, September 28 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, September 29 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 28/29

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Carter Udovich Susan Vavra	Diane Hart Angela Bustos
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Nick Cinquepalmi
Ushers	Ken Udovich Randy Miller	Rob Holzrichter Aaron Justinger
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Diane Dombrowski

FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 14/15:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,010.95.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH: Please welcome: Patrick & Jodi Steines and Matthew & Pahoua Stromberg and their children Chloe, Brady, & Beau

CONVERSATIONS OVER COFFEE:

Join Fr. Michael on **Tuesday, September 24 from 10:00 - 10:50 am** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Use this opportunity to ask Fr. Michael general questions about the Church and our Faith

HELP WANTED WEDNESDAYS: Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 PM to 5:15 PM to assist Grade 4-5-6 teachers/students. Please contact: Jeanne Bitkers or the Parish Office 920-452-9623.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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 26

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass



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

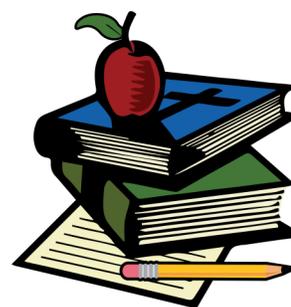
There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space or contact Sharon at 920-980-9622.



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.



Religious Education classes for 2024-25 began this past Wednesdays. Fr. Michael visited classrooms to greet students and Catechists/Teachers on this first day of the new year.



CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER:

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Catholic Life Center activities:

Tuesday, October 8: Photography presentation by Phil Waitkus at St. John Evangelist Parish from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the lower level conference room

Tuesday, October 15: Service Sewing project in the Catholic Life Center at Blessed Trinity Parish from 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, October 16: Conversations Over Coffee with Fr. Michael after the 6:45 am Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish

Saturday, November 2: The Eucharist & Evangelization by Fr. Michael after the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish. There will be refreshments provided.



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MOM'S ADORATION & FORMATION

NIGHT: Join the Sheboygan Area's Mother's Ministry for a night of Adoration, Formation, and community on **Wednesday, October 16.** Adoration and Confessions will begin at 7:00 pm and run until approximately 8:15 pm. At 8:15 pm, there will be a talk by Fr. Michael Lawinger, followed by small group discussion and light refreshments. Enter through the canopy doors. All moms are welcome. Please contact Carol Marksteiner at carol.marksteiner@gmail.com with any questions.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:

Earlier this month, Fr. Joe's father passed away. He was 102 years old. A funeral Mass was held in India. If you would like to send a sympathy card to Fr. Joe, his address is:

The Pallottine Fathers
5424 W. Bluemound Road
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Please keep Fr. Joe, and his family in your prayers.

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. PETER CLAVER FISH FRY: On Friday, October 4 at St. Peter Claver (1439 S. 12th Street) from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. There will be lightly breaded Sauger with your choice of french fries or potato salad and coleslaw or applesauce. There is also grilled cheese/ham & cheese to order. Desserts will also be available for sale by the 8th grade CCA students. Carry outs are available.

JOB OPENING: SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Kiel, is seeking a passionate candidate who loves the Catholic Faith and desires to pass that Faith on to the next generation. This part time position will be responsible for overseeing the religious formation efforts of approximately 120 children and youth at SS. Peter & Paul Parish. The coordinator will work closely with the pastor, parents, volunteers, and other staff members to develop and implement programs and activities that help young people grow in their relationship with God and the Catholic Church. Please contact the office for more information 920-894-3553

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FINANCE COUNCIL:

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PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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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

STARTS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 5-6 PM

FAMILY ADORATION

- ✓ Encounter Christ as a Family
- ✓ Prayer & Music 5-5:30 pm
- ✓ Hospitality & Formation to follow in the Parish Center

Family Adoration will be held the first Thursday of the month (October - June)
Starting at 5 pm at St. Mary's Chapel
300 Butler St. Random Lake

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.

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.

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





DINING IN THE DARK

HOSTED BY ZERUZERU MINISTRY

Come for a unique dining experience and leave with new perspectives and stories to share with others.

Dining in the Dark is meant to offer a 'taste' of what it's like for those with vision loss or impaired vision ... similar to our brothers and sisters with albinism.

DIMMED DINING WITH BLINDFOLDS AS AN OPTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH HALL
5:00 PM HORS D'OEUVRES
5:30 PM SEATING BEGINS
7:30 PM EVENING ENDS
Catered 3-Course Meal
Veg & Gluten-Free Options
\$10 PER PERSON
October 23 cost increases to \$15



FATIMA NATIONWIDE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE: There are two opportunities to pray during the annual Fatima Rosary Rally on **Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 pm:**

- ✦ Sheridan Park on South 14th Street between New Jersey and Virginia Avenue. For more information, please contact Margaret Reinbold at 920-457-5260.
- ✦ St. John the Baptist in Plymouth (gather on the east side of the church by flagpole at the school). For more information, please contact Cate Pearce at 920-254-4581.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
OR CALL THE SJB PARISH OFFICE (920) 892-4006
RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: 'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (CCC 2013). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve.... [Service] has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means to act like Jesus.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Monday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 3:27-34
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 24
Weekday
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 25
Weekday
Prv 30:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 1:2-11
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 27
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Eccl 3:1-11
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 28
Weekday
Eccl 11:9-12:8
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 29
*Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Nm 11:25-29
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48