

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 TWENTY-SIXTH 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 Crossing10:00 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

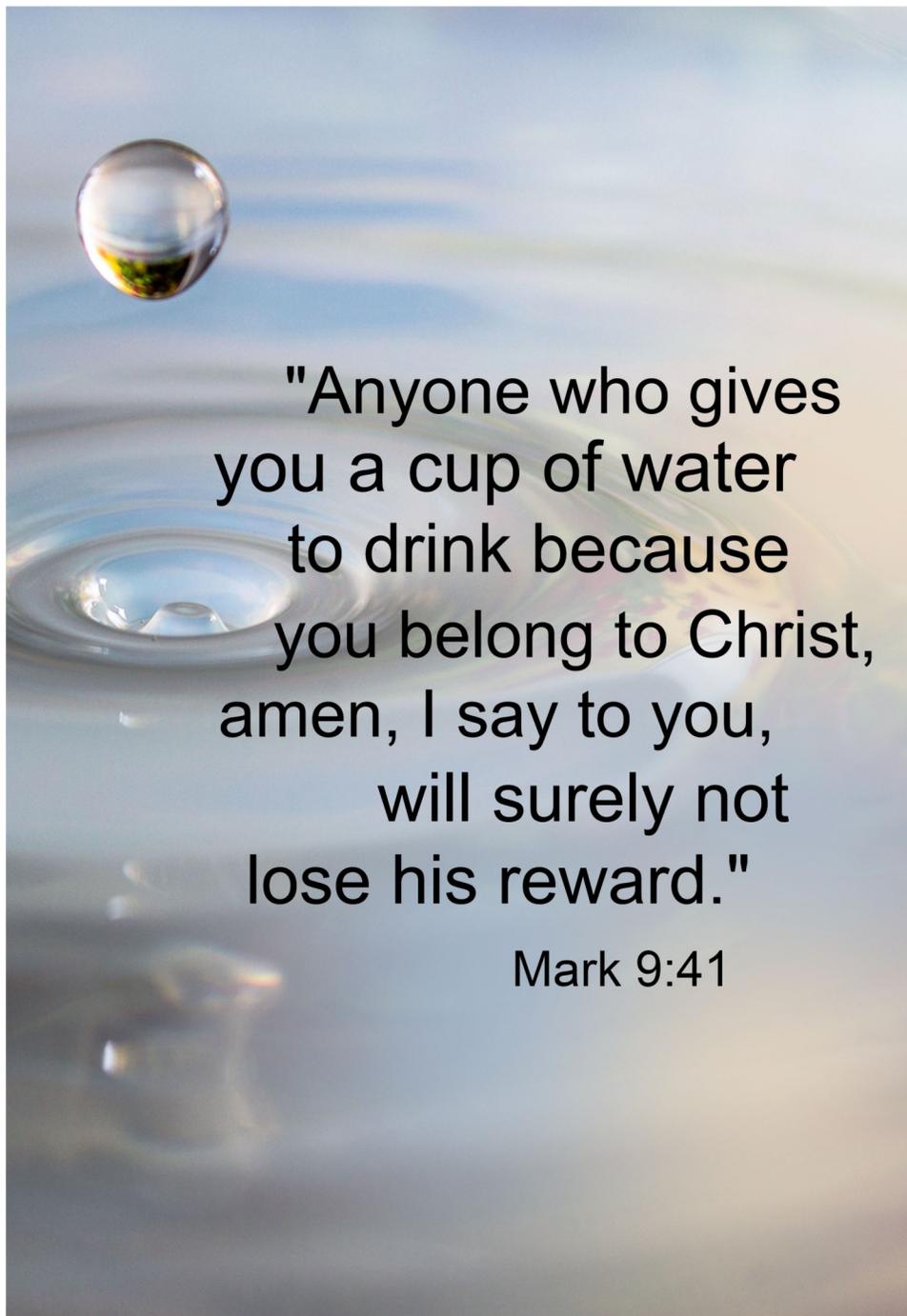
**2nd & 4th Saturdays:** 3:00 pm

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

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



"Anyone who gives  
you a cup of water  
to drink because  
you belong to Christ,  
amen, I say to you,  
will surely not  
lose his reward."

Mark 9:41

## A Guide to Reconciliation

As I will preach about shortly, or have already preached about, Reconciliation is something we need to focus on. To help you be as comfortable as possible when you head into the box, here are some great pointers!



When preparing, think of all your mortal sins, or 3-5 bigger sins or common habits to confess. Having an exhaustive list isn't exactly the point, and not what you are asked to do. Some people prefer to have a list to bring in with them because it's easy to forget. I've done that myself many times!

The priest is on your side. He is there to make sure that you do everything you have to and to answer your questions. If at any point you have no idea what to do just say so. It happens often and isn't a problem. I can walk you through the Act of Contrition. A simple one is almost always written down in the confessional for you to read from.

The priest is not an attorney helping you build a case to argue for innocence. Often people feel the need to justify what they did or build a case as to why it's not that bad. I will assume that you didn't just walk into your workplace and decide to judge your coworker. I assume that something happened, but the important part is not that you create an alibi, but that you confess your wrongdoing. A good and comical rule of thumb I have heard is to "offer no explanation unless it makes you look worse". The priest is helping you plead guilty in order to be released. The more guilt you proclaim the more freedom you reclaim!

If it's worth doing, it's worth doing poorly! So many times, we tell ourselves that our Reconciliation must be perfect and so we push away and ignore the Sacrament. The best Reconciliation is the one that you make! Be as prepared as you can be and then do it. Confessing is a practice, and if it has been a while since you've gone, just making it to the Sacrament is all it takes to be good.

Stop trying to earn forgiveness. Forgiveness isn't earned here, it's given, and God does not care if you have earned it. It's often easier to justify and forgive ourselves if we think we deserve or earned forgiveness, but that is our way, not God's. The most difficult part of Reconciliation is that it shows us that forgiveness is a gift, and we often feel more comfortable trying to earn it first.

The more you go the easier it is, but it may not ever be "easy". Focus on the fruits and the freedom that comes after the Sacrament. That is the point!

Remember that the priest you are going to for Reconciliation goes himself! I try to go every two weeks or so, and if I don't, I can really feel the difference. I know how powerful the Sacrament has been in my life, so it is a total joy to help others experience the same! It is one of the best ways I can spend my time as a priest, and one of the quickest ways I can help someone improve their life in every way. I can't recommend it enough!

*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 <sup>st</sup> Friday only) 12:10 PM BT

# MASS INTENTIONS

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 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	October 1	St. John's	8:00 am	†Leonard & Margaret Tomczyk by Nancy Matthews
Tuesday	October 1	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Len & Geri Widder by Family
Wednesday	October 2	St. John's	7:00 am	†Marvin Free by Mel & Lorrie Free
Thursday	October 3	St. John's	8:00 am	†Joan Otto by Cindy, Jon & Kurtis Hoffman
Friday	October 4	St. John's	7:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Family
Friday	October 4	Pine Haven	10:00am	†Joyce Schneider by Joseph Schneider
Saturday	October 5	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †William Lane Jr. by Thomas & Diana Kreuz
Sunday	October 6	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 6	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	†Brian Woveras by Sue Woveras, Special Intention for Mya Norman by Kathy & Joe Komaromy

## LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 6

MASSES	Sunday 9:00 am
Lectors	Diane Hart Erin Meyer
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rich Tauferner
Ushers	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Diane Dombrowski

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** To help everyone get to Reconciliation this week, Fr. Michael has added these times to the schedule. He wants to see what works for people.

**Monday 10:30 am until 12:00 pm St. John Evangelist Parish**

**Tuesday 6:30 pm until finished at Blessed Trinity Parish**

**Wednesday 7:30 am until finished at St. John Evangelist Parish**

**Thursday 8:00 until 8:50 pm at St. John Evangelist Parish**

Friday 6:00 until 6:40 am at St. John Evangelist Parish

**Saturday 2:00 until 3:40 pm Blessed Trinity Parish**

Sunday 8:00 until 8:40 am St. John Evangelist Parish

**The Blessing of Pets on Wednesday - October 9 5:15 pm**  
**St. John Evangelist Parish Grounds:**

In honor of St. Frances of Assisi and his love for all creatures, we invite you to a "Pet Blessing" on **Wednesday, October 9 at 5:15 pm (Immediately following 4K - Grade 6 Religious Education Classes)**. All friendly pets, leashed or in a carrier, are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us but are unable to bring your pet, you or your child are welcome to bring a photograph of your pet so they can be included in the blessing that Fr. Michael will give. Please come prepared to clean up after your pet. Any questions please contact Jeanne Bitkers at [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or the parish office at 920-452-9623.



**The Blessing of the PETS**

# EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28</b>	
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
4:00 pm	Mass
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29</b>	
8:00 - 8:40 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b>	
10:30 - 12:00 pm	Reconciliation
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1</b>	
8:00 am	Mass
8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2</b>	
7:00 am	Mass
7:30 am	Reconciliation
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Religious Education 4K- Grade 6
6:45 - 8:00 pm	Religious Education Grades 7 - 12
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3</b>	
8:00 am	Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Adoration
2:00 pm	Bible Study
8:00 - 8:50 pm	Reconciliation
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4</b>	
6:00 - 6:40 am	Reconciliation
7:00 am	Mass
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6</b>	
8:00 - 8:40 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:** The St. John Evangelist Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee will be helping at Feed My Starving Children on October 12 from 8:00-10:00 am or 11:00 -1:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space or contact Sharon at 920-980-9622.

**FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 22:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,480.00.



**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 Masses on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday October 20. If you are willing to do this, please contact Rich at 920-918-5066. Sunday, October 6: Rich Tauferner

## 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** at St. John Evangelist Parish. 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](mailto:carol.marksteiner@gmail.com) with any questions.

**EMMAUS MEAL:** The Human Concerns-Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring an "Emmaus Meal" on Saturday, **October 19** from 10:30 am until about 1:30 pm at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Sheboygan. They are seeking volunteers to help serve the meal and/or provide bars for dessert. If you are available to bake or offer a few volunteer hours, please contact Sharon Reilly (920-980-9622) or sign up on the easel in the Gathering Space. Please consider offering your service! Thank you!

## 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.

**MT. MERU COFFEE:** The Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee has been selling Mr. Meru coffee for the past 10 years to benefit coffee growers in Tanzania. They are proud to report total sales of \$17, 846. **Because interest in support of this product at our parish has waned, the committee has decided to discontinue sales.** If you have an interest in purchasing remaining Mt. Meru coffee, there will be on final sale following the 9:00 am Mass on **October 6** or contact John Egan at 920-452-7632. Our committee would like to offer sincere thanks to those of you who have supported this project. ~John Egan, St. John Evangelist Human Concerns Committee



**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.

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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

**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.

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**Jeff Tkachuk** from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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# 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  
Contact: Mary Waitkus, Director, 920-467-4616, Ext. 314



[www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC](http://www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC)

October 2024



## Symbolon: The Faith of the Church

10:00-11:00 am

CLC-Meeting Room

Unlock the profound beauty and depth of the Catholic faith with select videos from this [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) program. Join us for these intriguing topics and discussion afterwards.

Wednesday, October 2 Faith, Hope and Charity  
Wednesday, October 23 Prayer, On Earth as It Is in Heaven  
Wednesday, October 30 Discipleship and Mission

\*\*Register with Mary at [Mary.Waitkus@btsje.org](mailto:Mary.Waitkus@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



## Service Projects

CLC-Meeting Room

Salvation Army Prayer Cards – Tuesday, October 1 from 10:00-11:30 am  
Decorating Meals on Wheels Bags – Thursday, October 10 from 10:00-11:30 am  
Salvation Army Prayer Cards – Tuesday, October 29 from 1:00-2:30 pm

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## The Catholic Take on Halloween from [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

Thursday, October 31 from 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC-Meeting Room

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, professors of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, discuss the importance of remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints in heaven, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.

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## Basic Photography

Tuesday, October 8 from 1:00-2:30 pm at

St. John Evangelist Lower-Level Conference Room

Phil Waitkus will give suggestions for turning a snapshot into a memorable photograph and tips to get it right using any camera. If you bring your camera (or cell phone) with you, you can try out some of the principles. \*\*Register with Mary at [Mary.Waitkus@btsje.org](mailto:Mary.Waitkus@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

## Tiny Saints Story Time in St. John Evangelist Classrooms

Thursday, October 17, 9:30-10:15 am in St. John Evangelist Classrooms

Ideal for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers.





## Coffee Socials

Conversations Over Coffee with Father Michael  
Grieving and the Importance of All Souls Day

Wednesday, October 16 after the 6:45 am Mass in the SJE-Gathering Space, 7:15-8:15 am

**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 Dave Hart, SJE member. Any questions, call the CLC.



## **Afternoon at the Movies** **Featuring the film, Spare Parts**

This is based on a true story about a robotics club from a Latino High School with few resources who wants to compete against MIT, the reigning national champion.

Wednesday, October 9 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room

*Starring  
George Lopez  
and Jamie  
Lee Curtis*



## **Craft Service Project: Sewing Tissue Holders**

Tuesday, October 15, 1:00-3:00 pm, CLC-Meeting Room

We will be sewing holders for small Kleenex packs for various service projects. We need people to cut, iron, pin and sew. Something to do for everyone!



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## **BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+**

**Socials:** Watch the bulletins for a brunch social at a local restaurant in mid-November.

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## **Understanding the Real Estate Market**

Thursday, October 24 from 10:00-11:00 am in the SJE Classrooms

Join us in the SJE classrooms as Donna Krueger, SJE member, talks to us about the current real estate market. Have your questions ready!

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## **Ongoing 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](http://Formed.org), appointments are available on an as-needed basis. Access this site for diverse Catholic programs for all ages. Contact Mary – see below.

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# Dear Padre,

***After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?***

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
<i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Lk 9:51–56	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Mt 18:1–5, 10	Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Lk 10:13–16	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



YARA NARDI / CNS

## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**