

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**OCTOBER 6, 2024 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16



## Generosity and Other Odds and Ends

One of my duties as a Pastor is to make sure that the lights are on and that we have enough money to “put food on the table”. The responsibility is twofold: to make sure that we are responsible for what we spend; and to make sure that we are earning enough.



I am responsible and accountable for what we do with the money that you so generously give. It's classic American culture to not talk about money because it's uncomfortable, but you, the parish stakeholders, deserve to know that things are being taken care of prudently! If you ever have any questions or concerns about how money is being spent, I am more than happy to talk to you about it. It is my duty to be accountable for what we do, and to be able to give good reasons for what we are doing. We may not always agree, of course, but you deserve an explanation! In the future I want to provide more materials that show more financial transparency in our parishes. Often it can feel like money donated weekly and put into the basket just disappears into a black hole of spending. I want you to know what your donations support in our parishes, and I am working to help you see the good that you accomplish with your generosity.

I am responsible also for earning money, by asking for your support. It is obvious of course how receiving donations helps the church, but it is not as obvious how it helps you who give. I talk with many people who struggle with feeling like they need to continually get “more”. More possessions, more money, more security, more everything, and the strange part is that getting more doesn't make these desires go away, it increases them! By being generous you are sending yourself a powerful signal that says not only that what I have is enough, but that I already have more than I need. It is clear that the recipient receives benefits from generosity, but the giver benefits as well. God by nature does not hoard love, but rather gives it away entirely. We, made in His image and likeness, are fashioned for the same level of gift, and when we hoard it, we struggle! Giving is one way we become more like God, the only way of living that will always make us happy, while the need for constant “more” does not. So, isn't this such a great deal to be generous with the Church?

Upcoming changes that should be noted. **The daily Mass schedule is changing as of Monday October 7th**, please note the new Mass times!

Monday 8:00 AM at Blessed Trinity Parish

Tuesday 12:10 PM at Blessed Trinity Parish

Wednesday and Thursday 6:45 AM at St. John Evangelist Parish

Friday 12:10 PM at Blessed Trinity/ First Friday's additional Mass at 7:00 AM at St. John Evangelist Parish

Additional times for **Reconciliation** next week are as follows. I am still looking for some different regular times to offer it, so vote with your feet and let's reach our Reconciliation goal!

Tuesday : following the 12:10 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish until done

Wednesday : following the 6:45am Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish until done

Thursday : following exposition at 7:15 AM at St. John Evangelist Parish until done

Friday: from 11:00 AM till 12:00 PM at Blessed Trinity Parish

Saturday: 8:00 AM till 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM-3:40 PM at St. John Evangelist Parish

On Thursday nights, Benediction is being moved to 8:00 PM (currently at 9:00 PM) at St. John's and we will be adding night prayer to Benediction.

*Fr. Michael*

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 5	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †William Lane Jr. by Thomas & Diana Kreutz
Sunday	October 6	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 6	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Brian Woveras by Sue Woveras, Special Intention for Mya Norman by Kathy & Joe Komaromy
Monday	October 7	Blessed Trinity	8:00 am	†Carol Flerchinger & Carl Wick by Eder & Wick Families
Tuesday	October 8	Blessed Trinity	12:10 pm	†Rosalie Klingbeil & John Buechler by Family
Wednesday	October 9	St. John's	6:45 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	October 10	St. John's	6:45 am	†Ed & Margaret Cosgrove
Friday	October 11	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Constance Cook by Family
Friday	October 11	Blessed Trinity	12:10 pm	†Ulrich Bartels by Family, †Florian & Dorothy Woelfel
Saturday	October 12	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Dick Schaetz by Paul & Linda Dros, †Hubert & Lucille Marchand, Carol Mertzig, and Robert Savala by Family
Sunday	October 13	St. John's	9:00 am	†Leonard Widder by Family
Sunday	October 13	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	October 13	St. John's	2:00 pm	Confirmation

## LAY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 12/13

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Gerry Loth Bill Moffatt	Erin M. Susan Vavra
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil



**FINANCIAL: SEPTEMBER 28/29:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,315.55.

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:** Josephine Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan & Nancy Simpson was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, September 28. Please pray for her.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6</b>	
8:00 - 8:40 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8</b>	
8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9</b>	
6:45 am	Mass
7:15 am	Reconciliation
4:00 - 5:15 pm	Religious Education 4K- Grade 6
5:15 pm	Blessing of Pets
6:45 - 8:00 pm	Religious Education Grades 7 - 12
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10</b>	
6:45 am	Mass
7:15 am - 8:00 pm	Adoration
7:15 am	Reconciliation
2:00 pm	Bible Study
8:00 pm	Benediction
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12</b>	
8:00 - 9:00 am	Reconciliation
3:00 - 3:40 pm	Reconciliation
4:00 pm	Mass
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13</b>	
8:00 - 8:40 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
2:00 pm	Confirmation

## 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.



**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

**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

**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.

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**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.

**AVAILABLE NOW!**  
**PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

**The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated**  
 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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## BLESSING of ANIMALS - October 2024

Every year about this time many dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs and even baby mice travel to Churches on leashes, in carriers or in their owners' arms for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This occurs during these first weeks of October near the date of the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi who had a great appreciation for all creatures.



St. Francis loved the birds flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. Francis wrote a Canticle of Creation, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." We owe a debt to St. Francis of Assisi for leading us to the conviction that all brother and sister creatures make up one family under God's loving care.

In reality, however, it was not St. Francis but God who first blessed animals when they were created. In Genesis 1:22 and 28, Scripture tells us that God blessed the fish and birds, the work of the fifth day, and animals, the work of the sixth day. He blessed them to be fruitful and multiply and also gave them for the use and nourishment of man and woman, who were also created on the sixth day. So blessing animals is an original activity as old as creation and a thing we also do in imitation of the Creator. It is also a confirmation for pet owners and animal lovers that all of God's creatures are cared for and cherished.

For children and adults as well, a pet can be a true companion. Many arrive home from school or work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many have a lap filled with a purring fellow creature or enjoy a long walk with a furry friend. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is very basic. The love given to, and received from, a pet can draw human beings into the larger circle of life and into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

While many people bring their pets to their Church to be blessed, a verbal blessing along with a gentle sprinkling of holy water can be offered in a backyard, a garden or anywhere inside a home. The following prayer can be used:

*"Blessed are you, Lord God, who made all living creatures.  
You gave us fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.  
Thank you for creating pets who live with us and love us.  
We (I) ask you to bless \_\_\_\_\_ our (my) pet and care for him/her.  
May we (I) always take care of and provide for my (our) pet  
and treat all living creatures  
that You have placed upon this earth with respect.  
We (I) ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen."*

May God, who created the animals of this earth as a help to us, continue to protect and sustain us with the grace His blessings bring, now and forever!

**A reminder: You can bring your pet to the St. John Evangelist Church Parking Lot for a special blessing this Wednesday (10-9) at 5:15 PM.**

Adapted from: "Blessing of Animals", Mackin, Kevin E. OFM, St Anthony Messenger, October, 2019.

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



## WELCOME TO THE

**PARISH:** Please welcome: Patrick & Emily Stillwell and their children Emmett, Adeline, and Magnolia to the parish.

## SUNDAY SOCIAL:

There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, October 6.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and some coffee. The social is hosted by the Mission Society & Community Life Committee.



## RESCHEDULED:

The Catholic Life Center presentation "Basic Photography" planned for October 8 has been rescheduled for **Monday, November 18** from 1:00 -2:30 pm at St. John Evangelist Parish. Please contact Mary at (920)467-4616, Ext. 314 or Mary.Waitkus@btsje.org for more details.

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH:



We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with Him and sharing in His mission. Jesus came that we might have life. We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, yet it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in need of our care and protection. As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." **Please join Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes the month of October showing our support of LIFE!**

- ✦ † Please take a **prayer card** found at the ends of the pews and pray the **Prayer for Life.**
- ✦ † Join fellow Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist parish members and **walk and pray for life** near Planned Parenthood (New Jersey/Taylor Dr.) on **Thursday, October 24.** To register, go to the **Signup Genius link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA4A72BA3F94-44273251-40days> **OR SCAN the QR Code.**
- ✦ † **Please support Anchor of Hope and Mary's Room with diapers.** Place your donations in the pack 'n play in the Gathering Area (narthex) of either parish.



# DINING IN THE DARK

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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.

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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

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October 23 cost increases to \$15

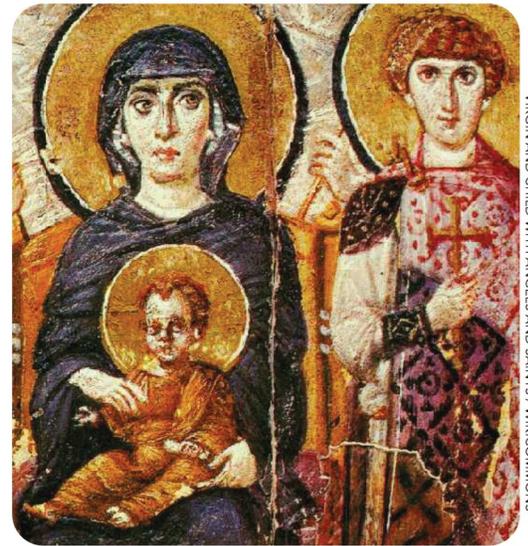


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# Dear Padre,

## Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●



VIRGIN AND CHILD WITH ANGELS AND SAINTS / WIKICOMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.*

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 7, 2018

#### Monday

October 7  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Gal 1:6–12  
Lk 10:25–37

#### Tuesday

October 8  
*Weekday*  
Gal 1:13–24  
Lk 10:38–42

#### Wednesday

October 9  
*Weekday*  
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14  
Lk 11:1–4

#### Thursday

October 10  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:1–5  
Lk 11:5–13

#### Friday

October 11  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:7–14  
Lk 11:15–26

#### Saturday

October 12  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:22–29  
Lk 11:27–28

#### Sunday

October 13  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 7:7–11  
Heb 4:12–13  
Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27