

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**NOVEMBER 3, 2024 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday.....4:00 pm

Sunday.....9:00 am

Wednesday & Thursday.....6:45 am

1st Fridays.....7:00 am

1st & 3rd Fridays:

Pine Haven 10:00 am

2nd & 4th Fridays:

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 & Thursdays at 6:25 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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34



**Love**  
the Lord your God  
with all your HEART  
and with all your SOUL  
and with all your MIND  
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

## It Is Time to Unplug

As you all know, it is election season and week. There is a 2 two page letter in this bulletin from our Wisconsin Bishops about faithful civil service regarding voting. Please give it a prayerful read. Additionally, I have an exhortation for all of you for the next several days. Unplug and Pray!



It is truly a disease of our time that, although our political decisions are largely made, we continue to subject ourselves to the news, social media, and advertising that give us little help. If you have decided on a candidate or already early voted, then the best thing you could possibly do for yourself is to disconnect from all social media, TV news, and other advertising for the next week! All it does is rile you up and rob you of your peace. If you have not yet decided on who to vote for, I ask that you prayerfully read the attached letter and spend time in reflection and prayer before you vote. As soon as you go to the internet for such "information" all you will be fed is a deadly dose of fear mongering and anger, that which does not feed proper decision making or peace.

It is good to be aware of what goes on in our society and world. This, however, is not being accomplished by the current social media and traditional media systems. They make their money by selling fear, encouraging anger, and forming negative emotional engagement. Even though they profit by doing this, they provide nothing good for the individual who watches. I beg you, for at least this short time leave these poisons behind! You will miss absolutely nothing.

Instead, I encourage you to pray! Beginning immediately, both St. John's (enter through the canopy doors) and Blessed Trinity (front church doors) will be open every day from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm for prayer before Jesus in the tabernacle. Make time for Jesus who gives us peace. Pray for our country, our parish, and ourselves that we may know that no conditions will give us peace save a relationship with Him, and that regardless of circumstances, we need to follow Him, and to trust in no one for our safety but Him! Ask Jesus to fill you with His peace.

*Fr. Michael*

## THE EUCHARIST AND EVANGELIZATION WITH FATHER MICHAEL:

Join us for this presentation by Father Michael **on Saturday, November 2 after the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity**. The presentation will be from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. Heavy appetizers will be provided. Everyone is welcome!



### ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE:

Fr. Michael will be holding an altar server practice on **Wednesday, November 6 at 5:15 pm**. It is open to all new and existing servers. Any child in grade 3 and over can volunteer to serve during a weekend Mass. After this practice, a schedule will be made. Please contact the parish office with any questions.



### CONVERSATIONS OVER

**COFFEE:** Join Fr. Michael on:

**Wednesday, November 6 after the 6:45 am Mass** in the Gathering

Space at St. John Evangelist Parish. Use this opportunity to ask Fr. Michael general questions about the Church and our Faith

**Tuesday, November 19 from 11:00 - 11:50 am** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Fr. Michael will talk about families and the holidays.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 2	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Edwin & Delores Sabel by Family, †Carol Schuessler by Family
Sunday	November 3	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	November 3	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Ben Woveras by Family, †Leonard & Margaret Tomczyk by Nancy Matthews
Monday	November 4	Blessed Trinity	8:00 am	†Warren & Rosemary Eigneberger by Paul & Jessica Jensen
Tuesday	November 5	Blessed Trinity	12:10 pm	†Mary Jeanne Inda by Paula Inda
Wednesday	November 6	St. John's	6:45 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	November 7	St. John's	6:45 am	†Reilly & Kubiak Families by Tom & Sharon Reilly
Friday	November 8	Blessed Trinity	12:10 pm	†Joyce Schneider by Joseph Schneider
Friday	November 8	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Joan Schueffner by Sue Mattek
Saturday	November 9	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand, Carol Mertzig, and Robert Savala by Family
Sunday	November 10	St. John's	9:00 am	†Sylvia Mahloch by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	November 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered on **Saturday, November 9 from 3:00 - 3:40 pm** at St. John Evangelist Parish.



**ALL SOUL'S DAY (NOVEMBER 2):** We remember in prayer those who have died this past year, our friends and family members. We remember in a special way the following members of St. John Evangelist Parish: *Bernice Haack, Adeline Haen, Judith Held, Harry Makoutz, Dian Fuhrmann, James Denzin, and Joe Wolf.* Mass Intentions can be requested by contacting the parish office. The donation is \$20.00 per Mass. You may also wish to donate towards the hosts and wine used during Masses for the month. The cost is \$30.00 for the hosts and \$35.00 for the wine.

## LAY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 9/10

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Bill Moffatt Gerry Loth	Steve O'Neil Erin M.
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



## CHOIR:

Upcoming practices:

**Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm**

St. John Evangelist specific choir practice (we will be working on Christmas Hymns).

**Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm**

Joint choir practice at St. John Evangelist Parish

New choir members welcome!

## FINANCIAL: OCTOBER 26/27:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,236.00.

4 **EVENTS CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

8:00 - 8:40 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

6:45 am Mass  
7:15 am Conversations over Coffee  
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education 4K- Grade 6  
6:30 - 8:00 pm Joint Choir Practice  
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education Grades 7 - 12

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

6:45 am Mass  
7:15 am - 8:00 pm Adoration  
2:00 pm Bible Study  
8:00 pm Benediction

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

3:00 - 3:40 pm Reconciliation  
4:00 pm Mass

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

8:00 - 8:40 am Reconciliation  
9:00 am Mass (Choir Sings)



**HALLOWEEN CANDY:**

Please bring any left over Halloween candy the weekend of November 2/3 and place it in the bin in the Gathering Space. All candy will be used as bingo prizes for the monthly bingo games at Rocky Knoll.



**OCTOBER ROSARY:** A big thank you to all who led and prayed the rosary this month before mass! May our Blessed Mother richly bless you!  
~Rich Tauferner, Rosary Coordinator

**BLESSED TRINITY  
AUTUMN FEST**

**\$5 ADMISSION | INCLUDES HEAVY APPETIZERS**

**Saturday November 9th, 2024 | 5 PM**

- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffles
- Bucket Raffles
- Cash Bar
- 20 Line Raffles
- Big Ticket Raffle

**POLKA MUSIC**

**RYAN KAUTZER DUO**

**5:30 - 8:30 PM**



All proceeds are for purchase and installation of new sound system in the church hall.

**Blessed Trinity Parish Hall**  
**319 Giddings Ave, Sheboygan Falls WI**

**ST. ANN PARISH**

*Fall Dinner*

**Sunday, November 10**

**8 am Mass**

**Drive-thru ONLY**

**Tips & Ham Dinner**

**10:30am - 1pm**

**Dinner \$15.00**

**Homemade Desserts ~ Raffle**

**N188 School St., New Holstein (St. Anna)**

## BENEFITS AND BLESSINGS OF GRATITUDE:

Parents, Grandparents and those of us who work with children frequently find ourselves reminding them to say please and thank you and to show people that they appreciate their gifts and efforts to help them. This certainly makes the gift giver, or the helper, happy but it is also beneficial to children who develop a habit of showing their thanks to those around them.



Various research studies have shown that children who practice grateful thinking have more positive attitudes toward school, their families, and their communities. These youngsters also experience higher self-esteem and less stress and may also be better able to cope with difficult situations and conflict. They tend to sleep better and are generally more optimistic and happy than their less grateful age-mates.

### Teaching Gratitude

Children learn to be grateful from parents, teachers, other trusted adults and older siblings through early and frequent exposure to expressions of gratitude from those role models. As with many other aspects of caring for and teaching children, good role models who exhibit gratitude are the best, but Thanksgiving, Advent and the Christmas season itself also present many opportunities. These days are all about spending quality time together. Just as we do in our Religious Education Classes and schools, we invite you to take advantage of this time of togetherness to count your blessings and to help your children do the same. Here are a few ways:

- Start a thankfulness jar. Write one thing to be grateful for every day during this next month or two and place it in the jar. Plan to open it together at a future date (Thanksgiving or another special-gathering time) so you can look back on those memories as a family or a group that celebrates together.

- Use a plain paper tablecloth or place mats for a special meal and, together with your guests or simply with your family members, write all the things you are thankful for on it, and reflect and talk about them during the meal.

- Service projects increase gratitude and there is no better place to begin than at home. Write letters to military personnel, firefighters, or other local and national heroes. Sort through your unneeded belongings and donate items to those in need. Let your children come with you to distribute the items, so they understand the impact of their gifts and what a blessing it is to be able to give to others. Spend family time together helping to collect or distribute food to those in need.

Children are easily influenced. Working together we can make the most of these impressionable years by giving them our support, setting a good example and by thanking them for the good that they do for others. Thanks-giving Blessings everyone!

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

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT:

Join us for an inspiring evening with five ladies, each at a different stage of life—from young teenager to an elder—who will share a brief witness about their love, adoration, devotion, faith, and how they adore Jesus. The featured witnesses will be Lucy Kotecki, Sarah Murray, Paula Inda, Cathy Van Treeck, and Jane Cain. This Advent by Candlelight will be held on **Tuesday, December 3 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm** in the Activity Center at St. Dominic Parish (2133 N. 23rd Street, Sheboygan). There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering to benefit Anchor of Hope will be gratefully accepted.



Women are invited to participate either as a table hostess or a guest. Hostesses decorate a table for 6-8 guest, provide a dessert, and welcome those at their table. You can invite your own guests or host attendees individually. Woman and girls of all ages are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend! Registration is required by November 24. Contact Kym at the Northside Parishes for further details or to register at [sheboygannorthparishes.org](http://sheboygannorthparishes.org) or [leibhamk@sheboygannorthparishes.org](mailto:leibhamk@sheboygannorthparishes.org) or 920-207-0222. Space is limited so register soon.

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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.

Join Catholic young adults from around the county for...

# Friendsgiving POTLUCK!



BRING A DISH TO SHARE!  
**November 13 | 7 PM**

St. John the Baptist, Cornerstone  
Mass preceding event @ 6:30 PM



# CLC Calendar

## November 2024



- November 2 - **Eucharist and Evangelization**, speaker Fr. Michael, after the 4:00 pm Mass at BT, 5:00-6:00 pm, BT Church Hall
- November 4 - **ADRC Stepping On Program**, 9:30-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- November 6 - **Conversations Over Coffee with Fr. Michael: General Q&A**, after the 6:45 am Mass at SJE in the Gathering Space, 7:15-8:15 am
- November 7 - **Service Project: Meals on Wheels Cards**, 1:00-2:30 pm, CLC-MR
- November 7 - Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- November 11 - **ADRC Stepping On Program**, 9:30-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- November 11 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- November 12 - **Service Project: Pine Haven Christmas Cards**, 1:00-2:30 pm, CLC-MR
- November 13 - **Bishop Barron's Faith Clips: Spiritual Life**, 10:00-11:00 am, SJE-LLCR
- November 13 - Movie Matinee, "*Glory Road*", 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- November 14 - Make Christmas Coasters, 1:00-3:00 pm, CLC-MR
- November 14 - Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- November 17 - Fireside Bus Trip meets at St. John Evangelist School at 11:45 am
- November 18 - **ADRC Stepping On Program**, 9:30-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- November 18 - **Basic Photography** with Phil Waitkus, 1:00-2:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
- November 19 - **Conversations Over Coffee with Fr. Michael: Family and the Holidays**, before the 12:10 pm Mass at BT in the CLC-MR, 11:00-11:50 am
- November 20 - **Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players: St. Francis of Assisi**, 10:00-11:15 am, SJE-LLCR
- November 21 - **Tiny Saints Story Time**, 9:30-10:15 am, SJE classrooms
- November 21 - Senior Singles Brunch, River Park Family Restaurant, 10:30 am
- November 21 - **Christmas Craft Service Project for the Homebound**, 1:00-2:30 pm, CLC-MR
- November 21 - Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- November 21 - Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- November 25 - **ADRC Stepping On Program**, 9:30-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- November 25 - Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- November 26 - **Help Organize the CLC**, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving!

### \*\*Save the Dates!

- December 4 - **Conversations Over Coffee with Fr. Michael: Advent and Prayer**, after the 6:45 am Mass at SJE in the Gathering Space, 7:15-8:15 am
- December 5 - **Advent Presentation by Fr. Bob Lotz**, 6:00-7:30 pm, CLC-MR
- December 14 - **The Eucharist and Peace, Family and the Holidays** with Fr. Michael after the 4:00 pm Mass at SJE, 5:00-6:00 pm

Register for events or call with questions – Mary at [Mary.Waitkus@btsje.org](mailto:Mary.Waitkus@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314

CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.



# Dear Padre,

*Do saints ever smile? That question comes to me every year on the feast of All Saints (November 1) as I look at the pictures and statues in church. The faces are so somber and serious. What are the saints really like?*

Artists through the centuries may have portrayed sanctity in very subdued tones. The saints, however, and their biographers tell a different story. The holy men and women who make up the communion of saints are an incredibly fascinating array of diverse personalities. The feast of All Saints celebrates our universal call to holiness. Our challenge is to imitate the characteristics these unique individuals have in common.

Saint Irenaeus (125–202) said that the glory of God is the human fully alive which reflects Jesus' own words, "I came so that they may have life; and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Saints enjoy life! The nearsighted St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787), founder of the Redemptorists, sat in the back row of the Naples theater with his glasses off so he could enjoy the music he loved without the distraction of the half-naked chorus line. Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582), caught devouring partridge in the convent kitchen, said, "When I pray, I pray; when I eat partridge, I eat partridge!" Saint Joan of Arc (1412–1431) loved horses, and St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) loved chess. Indeed, saints do smile. They even laugh. ●



Sculpture of a smiling Pope St. John Paul II outside the Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Trnava, Slovakia.

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*It is necessary that...the "great commandment," [love God and our neighbor] resound in us, that it be assimilated, that it become the voice of our conscience. This way, it does not remain a dead letter, in the drawer of the heart, because the Holy Spirit makes the seed of that Word germinate in us.*

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 31, 2021

### Monday

November 4

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

Phil 2:1–4

Lk 14:12–14

### Tuesday

November 5

*Weekday*

Phil 2:5–11

Lk 14:15–24

### Wednesday

November 6

*Weekday*

Phil 2:12–18

Lk 14:25–33

### Thursday

November 7

*Weekday*

Phil 3:3–8a

Lk 15:1–10

### Friday

November 8

*Weekday*

Phil 3:17–4:1

Lk 16:1–8

### Saturday

November 9

*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

### Sunday

November 10

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 17:10–16

Heb 9:24–28

Mk 12:38–44 or 12:41–44