



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

Sunday	4/5	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	All Parish Members Mass at St John's Gerald Saindon
Tuesday	4/7	8:15 AM	Communion Service at St John's
Wednesday	4/8	***** 9:00 AM	NO Mass OR Services at St John's Holy Communion Outside of Mass
Thursday	4/9	*****	NO Mass OR Services at St John's
Friday	4/10	8:15 AM	Living Intention for Casie Grzelak
Saturday	4/11	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's For Our First Communicants
Sunday	4/12	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Donald Vande Hei & Jane Angrabright Love, the Helen Vande Hei Family Mass at St John's David & Rosemary Vande Hei



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Easter Sunday John 20:1-9

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **"ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."** (John 20:4)

But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.
 — *Father John Muir*



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Come to Christ

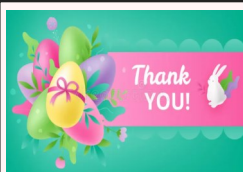
Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!
 — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Easter Blessing

Dear Lord, Where there has been death, bring new life!
 Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with
 Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes
 this Easter and always. Amen.



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 & Jane Angrabright
 Love, The Helen Vande Hei Family

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 Norman & Mary Steffens



DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM April 12	Colton Van Schyndel	Jake Hodkiewicz Jill Hodkiewicz Kathy Krull	Ellie Melchert Paden Melchert Levi Main	Kevin Matuszak Steve Hackl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 5385.00
Loose Collection	\$ 139.05
Votives	\$ 23.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Easter Flower Donations	\$ 125.00
RE Dinner Donations	\$ 20.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

Spectrum	\$ 150.49
AON Risk	\$ 830.26
St John's Cost Share	\$ 4964.25
The Catholic Foundation	\$ 80.00
Edward Jones	\$384999.81
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 7.16

Dear Lord,
We thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to bless Colton James Van Schyndel, who is preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time.



THANK YOU to everyone that donated toward this years Easter flowers & shared special intentions!
HAPPY EASTER!!

CATHOLIC Q & A
Easter

Question:

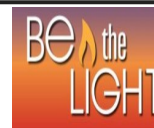
Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

Bishop's Appeal 2026
St Sebastian's has reached \$7,122 of its \$16,357 parish goal!



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12

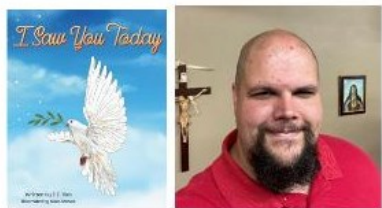
Nativity of Our Lord Church

12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM
Adoration and Reconciliation

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
concluding with Benediction

Cathedral Book & Gift

131 S. Madison Street, Green Bay
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30, Sat 10:30-3:30



FREE EVENT!!!

Catholic Kids Story & Craft Time
Saturday April 11th, 2026
Starting at 11am
At Cathedral Book and Gift Store

Come hear a story read by our guest reader:
Author J.J. Van

All Are Welcome!!!!
Shop online!
Cathedralbookandgift.com



Cemetery Clean UP

Saturday, April 25th
8:00 AM

Please bring rakes & leaf blowers.

Thank You!

Ministry of the Sick: Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office two months in advance.

Marriage: Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.

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Current Hours: Mon & Thurs 8:00 – 4:00
Wed: 8:30 - Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri