

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 11, 2021 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

The canopy doors will be unlocked from 7:30 am until approximately noon Tuesday through Friday for private prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 10	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Jim & Irene Mancl by Jim & Donna Willfahrt, †Jackie Keyes by Tom & Kathy Keyes
Sunday	April 11	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 11	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Tony Daharsh by Bereavement Committee, †Nancy Perronne by Marv & Joan Schueffner
Wednesday	April 14	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Brian & Gina Thomas
Thursday	April 15	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Virginia Rammer by LuAnne Immel & Rick Rammer, †Russel & Grace Ferguson by Donna Plageman
Friday	April 16	St. John's	7:00 am	†Flo Kempf by Tracy & Andrew Kissel
Saturday	April 17	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder, In Thanksgiving for the 65th Anniversary of Don & Joan Otto
Sunday	April 18	St. John's	9:00 am	†Howard & Dorothy Dickelman by Hermine Grasse
Sunday	April 18	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

APRIL HOSTS & WINE: In memory of Jerome Fuhrmann by Dian Fuhrmann

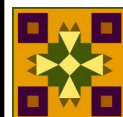
RECONCILIATION: At St. John's on **Saturday, April 17 at 3:00 pm.**

FINANCIALS:

Good Friday (For the Shrines in the Holy Lands): \$648.35

Easter Collection: \$2,675.00

April 3/4: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,517.00



MISSION SOCIETY: Please join us for quilt making on Tuesdays at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome!





HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE 2021 LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM:

"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME, THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU RECEIVED ME IN YOUR HOMES, NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME; I WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK ME IN, IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME." (MATTHEW 25:35-36)

SPONSORED BY: St. John Evangelist Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee and Blessed Trinity Human Concerns Committee Sheboygan County Warming Center, a 501 (3) non-profit organization, provides temporary, overnight, safe shelter for adult individuals who may be homeless for any number of reasons, including emergencies of any kind, as well as transients.

**“Let your voice mistaken as the Gardener’s, Awaken my hearing every morning
With news that’s always fresh.**

**“Go and tell my siblings - That I have overcome death.
That there is a place for everyone - There where the New Nation is built.”**

-Julia Esquivel- “”

The Easter message is ever new – we are the Gardener’s voice announcing to the world that a New Nation is built – Jesus has risen and built a place for all to come to – a place where His Father and Spirit are united with Him - the Gardener.

In some extended way, this is what we have been doing during this Lenten Season. Truly, Blessed Trinity and St. John Parishes have been the Gardener’s voice saying: “Come into the Warming Center for a hot evening meal, for a place to sleep overnight, and a continental style breakfast, plus, a bag lunch for tomorrow.” WOW – how joyous we can be in saying that we have dug into our pockets and raised almost \$12,000 to help feed and protect the poor. A New Nation is truly being built. Ken Ristow, Chairperson of the Sheboygan County Warming Center, will be present at one of the Sunday Liturgies for each parish in late April/early May to receive our donation checks and extend a personal word of thanks!!!

DONATIONS FOR 2021 LENTEN INITIATIVE OUTREACH \$11,728


(Donations are still happily received at either parish)

Warming Center 2022

Volunteers will be needed for the 2021-22 winter season to assist at the Warming Center. If you would be interested in helping out, please let Sandy Jordan at Blessed Trinity Parish Office or Gretchen Free at St. John Evangelist Office know.

- Monday**
APRIL 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday**
APRIL 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday**
APRIL 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday**
APRIL 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday**
APRIL 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday**
APRIL 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday**
APRIL 18
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15,
17-19
1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

SAINT OF THE WEEK

 **Sunday, April 11, 2021 St. Martin I, pope & martyr (d. 655):** Born in Italy, he was a deacon and papal legate before becoming pope. As pope, he opposed the monothelite heresy (which held that Christ had only one will, the divine will, and not a human will as well). Since the emperor favored the heresy, Martin was exiled, and he later died in misery, the last pope to be venerated as a martyr. (The Feast is celebrated on April 13.)

Living the Spirit of Easter



The Easter Season that began on Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days—until Pentecost, is an opportunity for us to be attentive to the spirit that defines who we are as Christians. In practical terms living “the spirit of the Easter season” might mean different things, but our Gospel accounts of the Passion and Resurrection remind us of three important qualities:

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness.

Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to see the world through new eyes—God's eyes.

Now that the Lenten Season has ended we can use these next 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again—as if for the first time.

Adapted from: Loyola Press, 2021. Henry, Kathy “Easter Is a Season, Not One Day”. “Living the Spirit of Easter”.

-Jeanne Bitkers, Coordinator of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED: St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is in need of your help! Volunteers are needed to mark prices on clothing, put them out on racks in the store, and help process donations. They are asking for 3 to 4 hours a week--you pick the day--and you get a 20% discount on your purchases! Come help serve God and others. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Dennis at dennisv.svdp@gmail.com or call 920-457-4844 ext 102. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY: Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, April 11**. It will be taken to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, April 12 at 9:30 am by Matt & Jennifer Walton**. Right now, they are in special need of paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins. Thank you to everyone who has donated.



SATURDAY MASS UPDATE: Fr. Joe is planning to celebrate a 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday evenings once again. In order to do that, however, we are in need of a group of people who will clean the church and other high touch areas immediately following the Mass. It should take less than 15 minutes. If you would be able to help out, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your help.



Walk to Mary: On Saturday, May 1, 2021, the 8th annual Walk to Mary will be held. This 21 mile pilgrimage will start at the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joe's Church on the campus of St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI and end at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI. There are several points along the way you can join in to make your pilgrimage shorter. Our Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Adele Brise on the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help and gave her this message: "Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation." At the core of Catholic education is the realization that life, itself, is a pilgrimage, and we are called to prepare our children for their journey. Learn more and SIGN-UP NOW at www.walktomary.com. Check us out on Facebook too – www.facebook.com/walktomary. Donations are appreciated. Mile marker sponsorship is \$100. Contact Pat Deprey, Event Director, at 920-660-7826 or depreypatrick@gmail.com with questions.



RECIPE FOR A HAPPY HOME:



- 4 Cups Love
- 2 Cups Loyalty
- 3 Cups Forgiveness
- 2 Cups Friendship
- 3 Cups Kindness
- 5 Spoons of Hope
- 2 Spoons of Tenderness
- 4 Quarts of Faith
- 1 Gallon of Understanding
- 1 Barrel of Laughter

Take Love & Loyalty, mix it thoroughly with Faith. Blend it with Tenderness, Kindness and Understanding. Add Friendship and Hope and sprinkle abundantly with Laughter. Bake it with Sunshine.

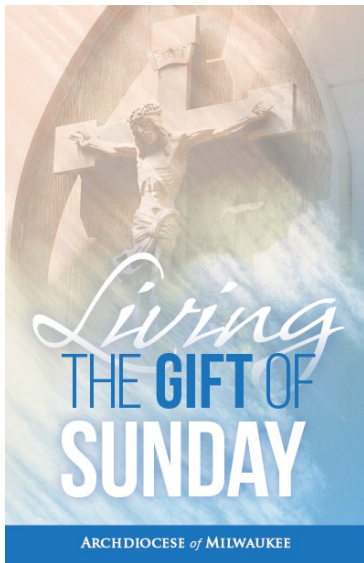
Serve daily in generous helpings.
~Ethel Sieker

A small reminder that we have all the tools for a happy home. During this pandemic and the trying year that we just had, it is nice to focus on the simple ideas that can bring happiness to our lives. Thank you Ethel, for reminding us of that.

HELP WANTED:

Director of Development: Christ Child Academy and Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes are looking for the right candidate to promote our school and parishes. This is a full time position for someone experienced in fundraising, skills in grant writing, recruiting and marketing, comfortable in public speaking, and goal orientated. There will be some weekends and evenings and grounded in the Community. Please send your resume and cover letter by May 15th to Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes c/o Georgeann, 1439 S 12th St., Sheboygan, WI 53081 or email to: triparishoffice@catholicsouthside.com.

Director of Christian Formation K-Adult: Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes is looking for a full time, collaborative team member with two years experience required with a MA or MS preferred. There are frequent weekends and evening hours, supervision and training of volunteers. Please send your resume and cover letter by May 15th to Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes c/o Georgeann, 1439 S 12th St., Sheboygan, WI 53081 or email to triparishoffice@catholicsouthside.com.



LIVING THE GIFT OF SUNDAY: There are copies of the Archdiocese "Living the Gift of Sunday" available for all parishioners and guests to take home on the table in the gathering space. This booklet contains ten weeks of reflection on ways that we might live the "Gift of Sunday" in our everyday lives. If you know of someone who may enjoy the booklet, please take them a copy.

PALMS: If you were out of town or were unable to pick up a palm prior to Easter, a small amount of palms are still available. Please contact the parish office (920-452-9623) in the next two weeks if you would like to pick one up.



HOLY WATER BOTTLES: Bottles of Holy Water, which were blessed at the Easter Vigil, will be available in the gathering space. You are invited to take one of these bottles home with you. Holy water is a sacramental which reminds us of our relationship with God and enables us to act in accordance with God's will. Please take only one bottle per family.

RETURN TO MASS GUIDELINES (Updated 4/5/2021):

Please note the following guidelines from the latest communication from the Archdiocese. Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Joe or the Parish Office.

Mass Notes:

- ◆ Only the canopy doors will be unlocked. As the weather warms up, they will be propped open as much as possible.
- ◆ There will be hand sanitizer available at the church entrance. Please use it when entering.
- ◆ Please continue to distance in pews. Also, when going for Communion, please leave at least six (6) feet between you and the person in front of you.
- ◆ Until all restrictions are lifted, every other pew will continue to be ribboned off.
- ◆ Please take a worship aid. No hymnals are allowed yet. Please leave all worship aids in the pew and the ushers will collect after Mass.
- ◆ Communion will be distributed by Fr. Joe and an additional Extraordinary Minister in the back. Communion can be taken in the hand only. No precious blood will be distributed.
- ◆ After the Mass has concluded, please leave the church in an orderly manner. No congregating is allowed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Sheboygan County Division of Public Health continues to endorse the use of face masks. There will be limited masks available at the entrance to church. If possible, please bring your own.
- Daily Mass Schedule at St. John Evangelist is: Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7:00 am. Daily Mass Schedule at Blessed Trinity is: Thursday morning at 9:00 am.
- Masses will continue to be recorded and will be on Zach Holzer's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8XFpHGxmYHOKlhbluslogp>.
- Church will continue to be open during the week on Tuesday–Friday: 7:30 am until 12:30 pm.