

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 18, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 17	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lori Pribek by Steve & Kim Harder, In Thanksgiving for the 65th Anniversary of Don & Joan Otto
Saturday	April 17	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
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
Wednesday	April 21	St. John's	7:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Faye Rogers & Family by Teresa & Mark Bettag
Thursday	April 22	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Repose of the soul of Ann Griffin by Genevieve Wagner, †Lucille Micoliczyk
Friday	April 23	St. John's	7:00 am	†George Mott by Benishek Family
Saturday	April 24	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann, †Wally Dobrzynski by Randy & Debra Morgan
Saturday	April 24	St. John's	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 25	St. John's	9:00 am	†Paul & Dolores Vavra by Susan, Paul & Mary
Sunday	April 25	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Juergen Pietzner by Veronica Gilles, †Barbara & Michel Huber by Mary & Bill Moffett



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

RECONCILIATION: At St. John's on **Saturday, April 24** at **3:00 pm.**

FINANCIALS: **April 10/11:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,286.75.

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 for transients.

"Happy Easter! As we marvel at Jesus' resurrection and celebrate the promise of new life, we know that our risen Lord still carried the scars from his crucifixion. We believe in a God who deeply understands and has even experienced the suffering of migrants here at the border. At the same time, this Easter season reminds us that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5)." Joanna Williams, Executive Director of the Kino Border Initiative

In the same spirit of those working at the border and helping those who persist in their journeys, we have reached out to help those who were in need of temporary, overnight, safe shelter this past winter – and look forward to continuing that mission in 2021-22. Deacon Rich Gulig, a member of the Sheboygan County Warming Center Board, will be present at the weekend Masses on May 1st and 2nd to receive the combined Annual Lenten Outreach Program donations.

DONATIONS FOR 2021 LENTEN INITIATIVE OUTREACH

\$12,001

(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 the Blessed Trinity Parish Office or Gretchen Free at the St. John Evangelist Office know.

NEW WEBSITE: The new website for St. John's will be live beginning this weekend. Please visit



to view the bulletin and get other important information. Continue to check back for important updates and information. If you would like to see something on the website, please contact the parish office. I will be reaching out to committee heads in the next month or so to get their pages updated. Special thanks to Steve Kovacs for his work on our previous website.



WELCOME TO THE PARISH: We

welcome Nick Cinquepalmi to the St. John's Parish family. Please take a moment to welcome him after Mass.

SATURDAY MASS UPDATE: St. John the Evangelist Parish will be having a 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday evenings once again, beginning this weekend, April 17-18. In order to continue to do so, however, we will need a small group of people to clean the church immediately after Mass. This will take less than 15 minutes. Directions will be provided. Please contact the parish office to volunteer.



Caring for Children

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment, and Safe Environment Week is an opportunity to consider the role we can all play in caring for children. Here are some ways parents, grandparents and all adults can help children feel safe and secure as they live, learn, play and grow.



1. Take turns talking and listening. It can be interesting and sometimes fun to know what everyone is thinking.
2. Spend time together. You don't always have to do things that cost money. Go for walks. Read together. Cook together. Visit parks, nature centers, libraries, museums, churches, or socialize with friends outdoors.
3. Show respect even when you disagree. There is a right way and a wrong way to settle a fight. Teach children that hitting each other and using hurtful words is always wrong.
4. Instead of dreading chores make a game of it. See who can finish first or whose room is cleanest.
5. Play together. This doesn't have to mean a video or board game. You can make a game out of anything. How about playing I Spy, Tic Tac Toe, or telling stories or jokes.
6. Learn to apologize and forgive. When someone says they are sorry believe them. Their actions will show if they are.
7. Teach children to check in with parents/adults and remind them never talk to strangers and never tell a stranger that they are home alone.
8. If children/teens go online teach them to keep themselves and others safe.

All children need to be feel loved and secure. Make sure the children in your life know you love them, even when they do something wrong. Praise their achievements and talents. Spend time with them when you can and do things together that you all enjoy. Finally, continue to pray with and for them and let them know that God is always with them and with all!

Adapted from Safe Environment materials provided by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 2021.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT:



Nominations are now being accepted. You may nominate yourself and/or other parishioners.

Nomination forms can be found on the table in the gathering space or can be downloaded from our website. You can also email any names to stjohnnev@btsje.org. All names must be in the Parish Office by Friday, May 7 at noon. Nominees will be asked to consider participating in the discernment process for membership on the Pastoral Council. This will be held in May.

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.svdv@gmail.com or call 920-457-4844 ext 102. Thank you!

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A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE:

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace
in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM DID YOU KNOW....

Did you know....Criminal Background checks are conducted on every priest, deacon, parish director, employee and volunteer working with minors in active ministry in parish and schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Did you know....In 2020 in the Archdiocese, over 70 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 1,800 adults trained, over 3,800 criminal background checks were conducted, and over 50,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

Did you know....All clergy, employees and volunteers are instructed to contact local law enforcement or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused,

Did you know....The Archdiocese has a Victim Assistance Coordinator that has assisted survivors of sexual abuse navigate through the process of reporting abuse and receiving counseling services. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at 414-758-2232.

Did you know....No priest or deacon with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can or will ever serve as a priest or deacon in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Did you know....In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, a Diocesan Review Board reviews allegations against clergy involving abuse of a minor and helps hold our diocese accountable.

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

All safe environment education training sessions are conducted virtually. Go to: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm> to view a list of dates available and to register. All volunteers that work with children need to attend a Safeguarding class. Please take advantage of this online opportunity. You only need to take the class once. Any questions? Please contact the parish office.

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



STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE: In our last update, we compared our parish strategic planning process to a bamboo tree. A seed falls and then nothing seems to be happening. For the first three years, no one noticed the little seed. Then in year four, it explodes out of the ground, some days reaching heights of 36 inches in just a 24-hour period.

So too is our strategic planning process. 64 parishioners volunteered last fall to help us craft an updated mission statement. This is what it is: *As a Catholic Community, St. John Evangelist Parish of Kohler together praises God, grows in Christ, and carries the Holy Spirit forth in our community.*

Next, we talked to all committee chairs, parish employees, and parishioners who were able to provide some organizational history on our parish; these conversations along with the fall conversations will inform our strategic plan. In addition, we are also reviewing our committee structure to align with Milwaukee Archdiocese guidelines.

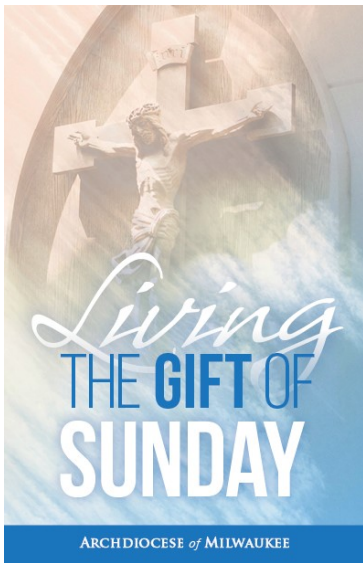
And now, from all that, here's where the fun starts. This is what's on deck next:

1. We will develop a vision statement for St. John's. This will be done by the Strategic Planning Committee and forwarded to the Pastoral Council for discussion and approval.
2. We will be working with the Pastoral Council and current committee chairs to finalize a committee structure that both aligns with the archdiocese guidelines and fits our needs at St. John Evangelist.
3. Finally, the Strategic Planning Committee will be digesting all the narrative information collected during our information gathering phase and identify issues facing our parish that need to be addressed. More to come on that as things evolve.

Here's What We Need From You - We need your help to fill in the parish committees. We invite every parishioner to see in which committee(s) you have an interest in becoming involved. Yes, indeed, that means you. In order for us to have a vibrant parish, we need everyone, EVERYONE, to be involved. We hope the parish can count on your receptiveness to responding to this request. We will be sharing more information on those opportunities in the next few weeks.

Our bamboo tree is ready for take-off. We can't wait for you to jump on board and enjoy the satisfaction of being part of our living, breathing parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Reilly, Lynn Miller, Dave Madigan, or Julia Rodemeier.



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) this week 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.