

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH

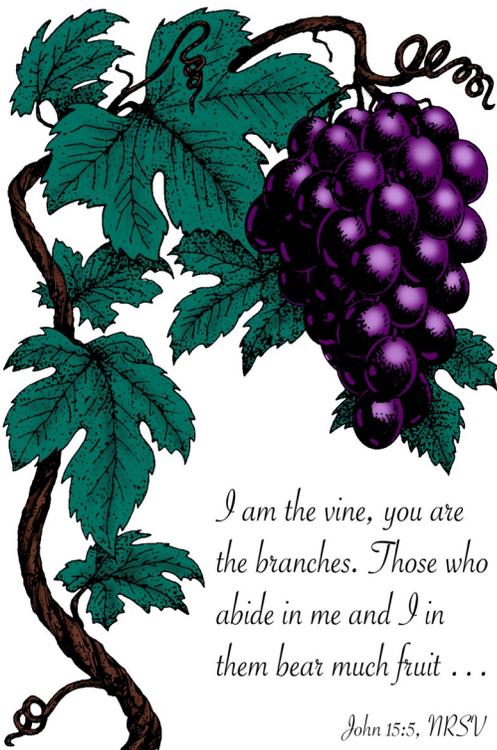


MAY 2, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 1	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Arlene Underhill by Craig Underhill, †Nora Salata by Family
Saturday	May 1	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Juergen Pietzner by John & Karen Egan
Sunday	May 2	St. John's	9:00 am	†Bernice Simon by Gloria Lorenz
Sunday	May 2	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	May 5	St. John's	7:00 am	†James Schmeling by Family
Thursday	May 6	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Orville & Ruth Plageman by Donna Plageman
Friday	May 7	St. John's	7:00 am	†Chuck Graf by Mel & Lorrie Free
Saturday	May 8	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Joseph Ehren by Sandy Jordan, †Claire & Hank Moffatt by Mary & Bill Moffatt
Saturday	May 8	St. John's	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 9	St. John's	9:00 am	†Paul & Dolores Vavra by Susan, Paul, & Mary
Sunday	May 9	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Kathryn Schleicher by Sandy Jordan, Deceased Members of the Markgraf Family by Paul Morgan Family



*I am the vine, you are
the branches. Those who
abide in me and I in
them bear much fruit . . .*

John 15:5, NRSV

MAY HOSTS & WINE: In memory of the Schwebel and Tauferner Families by Rich Tauferner

RECONCILIATION: At Blessed Trinity on **Saturday, May 8 at 3:00 pm.**

FINANCIALS: April 24/25: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$7,877.40.

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

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES:

NEW WEBSITE: The new website for St. John's is now live. Please visit stjohnkohler.org 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. We will be reaching out to committee heads in the next month or so to get their pages updated.



FLOCKNOTE: Communication is the key to a healthy parish. During the pandemic, it became apparent that this is more important than ever. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for Flocknote. You may have already experienced a text or email with important information. In the next few months, we will be working with different committees on setting up and sending messages to their members using Flocknote. If you have not signed up please **text JOINSJE to 84576**. If you have issues, please contact the parish office at 920-452-9623.



HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE 2021 LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM:

FEBRUARY 21 - APRIL 4, 2021

"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.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the vine, and my Father is the Vine Grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does He prunes so it bears more fruit. ... I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (taken from John 15:1-8)

The poignancy of this Sunday's Gospel, is definitely applicable to the 2021 Annual Lenten Outreach Program. The words of St. John's Gospel are quite clear, which take on a similar meaning during this spring season. We cut away the dead branches so new growth can spring from the vine affording us food for the next season, adding beauty to our lawns, and filling us with new life.

During this Lenten season, we cut away the dead branches of 'ignoring the needs of others' and reached out to afford a place of safety for adults who are homeless for any number of reasons. We, as the supple branches of the vine, have chosen to remain in Him where much fruit will be borne. Our donations of over \$12,500 will be advanced to assist with the 2021-22 Sheboygan Warming Center.

Once again, sincere thanks are extended to all who donated so generously to the Annual Lenten Outreach Program. Deacon Richard Guelig, from the Catholic Southside Parishes, will be present at the 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM, and 10:30 Masses this weekend to receive the combined donations from Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes.

DONATIONS FOR 2021 LENTEN INITIATIVE OUTREACH: \$12,614

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADE 7 - 11 UPDATE:

Our middle and high school students had their last Religious Ed class of the year on Wednesday April 28th. While we faced some unique challenges due to COVID, the year was overall a success. It would not have been possible without our wonderful catechists: Amy Gutschow, Nancy and David Madigan, Tom Reilly, Sue Kampman, and Ken Udovich. They made the classes faith filled and fun--I cannot thank them enough for their time and for sharing their experiences with the students.

~Jen Vallo, Coordinator of Religious Education Grades 7 - 11

The "Mary" Month of May

As many of us know the month of May is traditionally set aside by Catholics around the world to honor Mary the Mother of Jesus. Her importance as Mother of God lies not only in that she was the woman who gave birth to Jesus, but because she was the one who had faith in God and freely said yes to participate in God's wonderful plan of salvation.



Because Mary was Jesus' mother and loved him dearly, we honor her, respect her and try to be like her. She has always had an important role, not only in Jesus' life but in the life of the first Christian community. Today we continue to look to Mary as the Mother of God, the greatest of the saints, and a model for all.

During this month of May, we can all show special devotion to the Blessed Mother. Saying the Rosary (one or a few more decades is often enough for young children and sometimes for adults) or the Hail Mary each day is a way of doing so. Keeping flowers or a flameless candle before a statue or picture of Mary in your home is another way. Finding stories or u-tube videos about Mary, for children or adults to hear or read or watch, can also be inspirational.

While we anxiously wait for warmer weather and more signs of Spring, we can call upon Mary to lift us out of the last cold days of Winter, firmly plant our hearts in the soil of Spring and continue to help us through these challenging times. Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Pray for Us!

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

PRAY THE ROSARY: During the month of May, people are needed to lead the Rosary 20 minutes before the weekend Masses. Please call Rich Tauferner at (920) 918-5066 to volunteer. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



10 Days of Rosary: Fr. Joe would like to celebrate May by having 10 days of Rosary. It would be held beginning on Monday, May 10 for 10 weekdays until Friday, May 21. It would be at 6:30 pm each evening. If you would like to volunteer for a day or 2, please contact the parish office.



LECTORS NEEDED: We are looking for a few more young adult and adult readers for the Saturday and Sunday Masses. This opportunity is open to children who are in 6th grade or older. It is a wonderful way to experience the Mass in a different way. No experience is needed and training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider this volunteer opportunity.

FOOD PANTRY: Please bring your non-perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, May 2**. It will be taken to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, May 3 at 9:30 am by Karen Goldsmith & Jenni Grose**. Right now, they are in special need of paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, and napkins. Thank you to everyone who has donated.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The funeral Mass for Lorraine Shaw was held at St. John Evangelist on Thursday, May 29. Please keep Lorraine and her family in your prayers.



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.

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 stjohnevbtsje.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 WANTED:

Lakeshore Community Healthcare is searching for volunteers to serve a unique and temporary need within the community. We are looking for individuals or organizations willing to help with the check-in/check-out process for patients receiving their first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, all appointment based. This role would involve helping patients fill out paperwork, wiping down chairs and tables in the vaccine waiting areas as patients move through, directing patients to open nurse stations, and just making small talk with the patients in general, helping them feel comfortable. If you are trained/certified to administer vaccines and would like to help out in that capacity, this type of help is also needed. Shifts are available now through at least the end of June. Ideally, two volunteers would serve per shift. Please contact Megan Drevline for more information or to get exact days and times at megandrevline@gmail.com

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.