

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 26, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:30 pm
 Sunday.....9:00 am
 Wednesday & Friday.....7:00 am
 1st Friday-Pine Haven.....10:00 am
 2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
4. Any other questions or concerns

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Norma Horne

Jenny Roatch

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Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Monday-Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

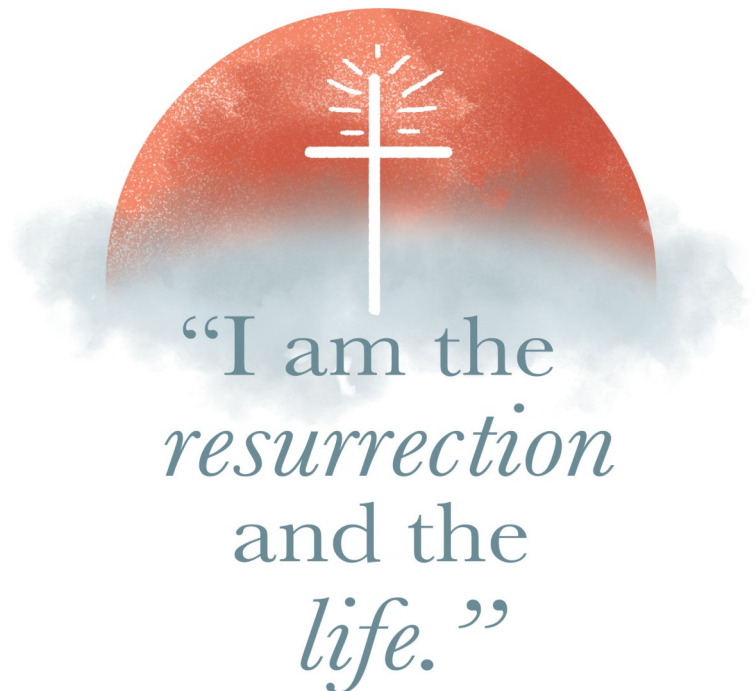
Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity

3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

LAY MINISTERS FOR APRIL 1/2

MASSES	Saturday, 5:45 pm	Sunday, 8:30 am
Lectors	Gerald Loth Susan Vavra	Norah Justinger Steve O'Neil
Servers		Anthony Bustos Annalise Bustos Joseph Becker Hollyann Becker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Mel Free
Ushers	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	Tom Reilly Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Patti Cosgrove	Connie Katchkey



John 11:25

From Father Schmeckel:

Again, I am providing of the recent Gospel readings for the Sunday Mass for you to read or re-read to deepen your understanding of them.

~~Third Sunday of Lent~~ – John 4:5-42 – Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well

~~Fourth Sunday of Lent~~ – John 9:1-14 – Jesus and the man born blind

Fifth Sunday of Lent – John 11:1-45 – the raising of Lazarus from the dead

Palm Sunday – Matthew 26:14-27:66 – the Passion and Death of Jesus



This Sunday, we will read the account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, which is one of my two yearly favorite Gospel readings. In this story, St. John tells us that when Jesus learned that his friend, Lazarus, died, "Jesus wept." Every time I read this, I am moved by how much Jesus loved Lazarus and cared for him, and was saddened by the death of his friend. In our translation, it says "Jesus became perturbed and deeply troubled." One author says that a better translation would be that Jesus "got worked up." From some class at St. Francis Seminary, I also remember being taught that it could also be translated, "Jesus groaned from the depths of his being." However it is technically translated, we should remember that our Lord is not just "bummed" about Lazarus' death, but saddened to the core of His humanity.

Those of us who hear and read this Gospel, should remember that God does not remain cold, indifferent, and distant from our pain and sorrows, rather He comes close to us, loves us and is willing to suffer alongside us with the Crosses that we carry throughout our lives.

Saturday, March 25th, was the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**. This is the day, nine months before Christmas, when we remember and celebrate the time when the Angel Gabriel appeared and announced to Mary that she would conceive and bear the Child Jesus. Much like the Gospel this Sunday, the Annunciation reminds us that God comes close to us and that "God is with us." One way for us to remember the Annunciation in our daily lives is by praying the Angelus. Traditionally, this series of little prayers and Hail Mary's are said at 6:00 AM, Noon, and 6:00 PM. (If you're near a Church which rings bells throughout the day, you'll often hear them rung a little longer at these times). Even if you don't pray them at precise times, you could pray the Angelus in the morning, at lunch, and at dinner to remind you that Jesus is with you. Below is the prayer for your convenience.

V/ The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;

R/ And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

V/ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R/ Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

V/ And the Word was made flesh.

R/ And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V/ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 25	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Mike Ferk by Liz Holtz
Saturday	March 25	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Susan Vavra & Family by Teresa Bettag
Sunday	March 26	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	March 26	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Zach Mauer by Jens Family, †Wally Guse by Linda Guse
Tuesday	March 28	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Mary Jeanne Inda by Paula Inda
Wednesday	March 29	St. John's	7:00 am	†Patrick Rogers by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Thursday	March 30	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Ann Michielli by Jim & Sandy Jordan
Friday	March 31	St. John's	7:00 am	†Mike Zehel by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Saturday	April 1	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lucy Gilsdorf by Family, †Ulrich Bartels by Shelly Bartels
Saturday	April 1	St. John's	5:45 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	April 2	St. John's	8:30 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by McGinnis Family
Sunday	April 2	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES

	DATE	St. John Evangelist Parish	Blessed Trinity Parish
Palm Sunday	Saturday, April 1	5:45 pm	4:00 pm
	Sunday, April 2	8:30 am	10:30 am
Holy Thursday	Thursday, April 6	7:00 pm	
Good Friday	Friday, April 7		1:30 pm
Holy Saturday	Saturday, April 8	8:00 pm	
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 9	8:30 am	10:30 am

FINANCIAL: MARCH 18/19, 2023: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,674.41.

MARCH WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Lewie & Louella Conway & Chuck from Family.



Stations of the Cross for Young Children: Moms of littles, join us for a Children's Stations of the Cross on **Monday, April 3rd at 9:00 am** at St. John the Evangelist Parish. Parents and children will gather in the church. This is geared toward preschool aged children, but all are welcome. Share in this beautiful devotion with your children as we enter into Holy Week.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, April 1 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, March 26 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 - 11 am	Women's Group Walking With Purpose
12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass (<i>Choir Sings</i>)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
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THURSDAY, MARCH 30

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Group Church Hall
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FRIDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 am	Mass
5:15 pm	Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
5:45 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
8:30 am	Mass

Lent Through the Scriptures by Fr.

Bob Lotz: Will be held on **Tuesday, March 28 from 6:00-7:30 pm** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Join others in exploring the Biblical themes popular during Lent. Each session includes time for reflection and journaling. The theme will be:

March 28: The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to sign up or for more details.



SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, April, 2.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Pastoral Council.

FISH FRY: St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, March 31** in Van Treeck Hall, Lower Level from **4:30 to 7:00**



pm. There will be lightly breaded fish with your choice of french fries or potato salad and coleslaw or applesauce. They will also have grilled cheese or grilled ham and cheese made to order. Desserts will also be available for sale by the 8th grade CCA students. All are welcome.



Religious Education - 4K-Grade 6 Spring SEEDS Program -

2023: Again this year families with children who are currently in Grades K4-Grade 6 are invited to enroll children in a special OPTIONAL Multi-Age After-School Faith Formation (Religious Education) Program on Wednesday afternoons in May from 3:30 until 4:45 PM here at St. John Evangelist

Parish. This program called "**SEEDS: Faith-Friendship-Service**" is an ADDED opportunity for students to learn about, live and share our Catholic Faith. Student Registration will begin on April 1, 2023. For more information or a Registration form, please contact: Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 at jeanne@btsje.org or call the parish office 920-452-9623.



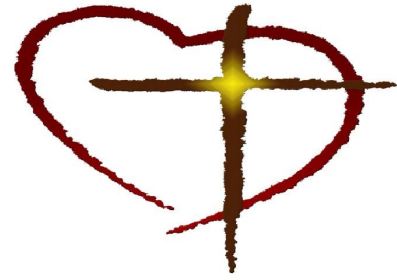
Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice
12 HOURS of
Reconciliation

On **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**, area priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation at 11 parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

[www.archmil.org/
Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice](http://www.archmil.org/Pray-Reconcile-Rejoice)



Scan the code for
more information.



Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice
12 Hours of
Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

From 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Hosted by **St. Peter Claver Parish**

1439 South 12th Street, Sheboygan

Please use the parking lot entrance to enter the building.

*12 hours of Reconciliation will also take place in Fond Du Lac
on Wednesday, March 29, 2023,
from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm*

*hosted by Holy Family Parish, 27 Fourth Street West,
as well as other locations throughout the Milwaukee Archdiocese.*

*Please see the Archdiocesan website for more information regarding times and
locations <https://archmil.org>*



Save the Date! Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training:

Hosted by the Catholic Life Center on **Wednesday, April 19 from 7:00 - 8:00**

pm in the Blessed Trinity Parish Church Basement Meeting Room. Mary Karls,

who has a Master's Degree in mental health nursing and almost 40 years' work experience will be on hand to discuss this important subject. She will

explain QPR, which stands for: question, persuade, refer, and focuses on positive action.

These are the steps anyone can take to help prevent suicide. She will discuss signs and

symptoms of someone who may be suicidal and ways to communicate with them. Please

contact Mary Waitkus at maryw@btsje.org with any questions on this event.

FROM TERESA BETTAG (DRE Grades 7-12): Our last night of Religious Education classes is that

evening. Parents of students in Grades 7-12 who need/want to attend with your student,

please let me know at teresab@btsje.org. Otherwise, parents are welcome to attend and

then pick up your student at St. John's after 8:00 pm when the presentation is done.



SOUPER SUNDAYS IN LENT: Stop in the Gathering Space after 9:00

am Sunday Mass at St. John's during Lent to pick up a quart of homemade

soup **TO GO**. Your free-will donation will go towards the Human Concerns

Lenten project to support the Society for the Friends of Children in

Honduras. Three different soups will be available. Please contact Sharon Reilly at 920-980-

9622 or email reillys53044@gmail.com for more information or if you would be willing to

provide a crockpot/nesco of your favorite soup.

SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS 2023 LENTEN ALMSGIVING INITIATIVE

Organized by:

Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee – St. John Evangelist
Parish, Kohler
Human Concerns Committee – Blessed Trinity Parish,
Sheboygan Falls



Sincere thanks to the many who have already donated so generously to the **SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS (SAN)**. Keep in mind that your donations will be used to providing housing, care, education, and clean water for orphaned, abandoned, neglected, and abused children in Honduras.

Checks/cash can be dropped into church offertory collection baskets using designated envelopes, drop off at the Parish Office during office hours, or mail it in to one of the Parishes.

Donations thru the weekend of March 18/19, 2023: \$10,162.00.

If you write a check, please designate **"SAN"** or **"Lenten Almsgiving"** on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. The last day of the collection will be Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. ~John Egan, St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee



PARISH CENSUS:

This This past week, a form for you to complete so that we can update our Parish records was emailed and mailed out. Please take a few moments to fill it out and return it to the parish office by **Friday, March 31**. You may email it to stjohnev@btsje.org or drop it off in the marked locked box on the table in the Gathering Space. Extra blank copies of the census will be available next to the box in case you are unable to print the form yourself. Keeping updated and accurate parishioner information on file is important. Thank you to everyone who has already returned these forms.



AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY



Unit 243
40 Stafford Street
Plymouth, WI

Sunday, March 26, 2022

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

Soup Extravaganza



Your choice:

Chili

Idaho Baked Potato

Chicken & Dumpling

(Gluten-free Idaho Baked Potato Available)

Dine-In: \$12.00 Adult & \$6.00 Children 5-10yrs

Free under 5 Years of Age

Carry-Out: Pints \$7.00 / Quarts \$10.00

*Cheese and crackers included with Dine-In Meal
Grab a sweet treat at our free-will cookie sale!*

CLC Calendar

April 2023



- April 1 -Passion Play Bus Trip
- April 2 -Enrichment Sunday at SJE: **CANCELLED** due to Palm Sunday
- April 4 -**Presence: Biblical Foundations, Part 1** 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 4 -CLC Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 6 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- April 7 -Good Friday, First Friday Coffee-**CANCELLED**
- April 10 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 11 -**Health & Wellness Tuesday: Prioritizing Exercise with Daily Activities,** 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 12 -**Presence: Biblical Foundations, Part 2** 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 12 -Movie Matinee, *Fatima*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- April 13 -Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, CLC-MR
- April 13 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- April 16 -**Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained** from Session 3 of Forgiven (Formed.org), 10:15-11:00 am, SJE Classroom, after 9:00 am Mass
- April 18 -**Health & Wellness Tuesday: Sheboygan County Historical Resource Center Presentation,** 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 19 -**Sacraments with Bishop Barron**, Episode 1, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 19 -**Suicide Prevention/Awareness Training**, 7:00-8:00 pm, BT Church Basement-MR
- April 20 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- April 20 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 24 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 25 -**Health & Wellness Tuesday: May Basket Service Project**, 10:00-11:00am, CLC-MR
- April 26 -**Sacraments with Bishop Barron**, Episode 2, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 27 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- April 29 -**Called and Gifted Workshop**, St. Dominic's Parish, see www.archmil.org/called-and-gifted for details

Upcoming Dates

- May 2 -Health & Wellness Tuesday: Walking Aids, 10:00-11:00am, CLC-MR
- May 3-24 -Sacraments with Bishop Barron, Episodes 3-6, Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 9 -Health & Wellness Tuesday: Mental Health Awareness, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 16 -Health & Wellness Tuesday: Coloring for Relaxation, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- **May/June -Acrylic Painting, Potluck, Watch for Dates!

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 refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.



Dear Padre,

Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (*Leadership Conference of Women Religious*, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY

March 27

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9,
15-17, 19-30,
33-62 or

Dn 13:41c-62

Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

March 28

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

March 29

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20,
91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY

March 30

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

March 31

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

April 1

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY

April 2

*Palm Sunday
of the Lord's
Passion*

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66

or Mt 27:11-54

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death.

Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone." God did not create us for the tomb....He created us for life, [which is] beautiful, good, joyful.

ANGELUS, MARCH 20, 2020