

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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1. Join the Parish
2. Schedule a Baptism
3. Schedule a Mass Intention
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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

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES: There will be **NO 9:00 am MASS** on **Thursday, April 6** at Blessed Trinity Parish and **NO 7:00 am MASS** on **Friday, April 7** at St. John Evangelist Parish. Regular daily Mass schedule resumes the week of April 9.



A very large crowd spread
their cloaks on the road,
and others cut branches
from the trees and
spread them on the road.

Matthew 21:8, NRSV

From Father Schmeckel:

As we begin Holy Week, I want to encourage you and your family to attend all or most of this week's celebrations. Beginning with Palm Sunday, then Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (and the Easter Vigil), and Easter Sunday! If you have never attended the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, the extra length and the late hour might be a way for you to enter into the joy of Easter in a new way this year.



Today is **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**. At Mass you will notice there are a few significant differences in our celebrations. Mass begins in a different location – where we bless the palms, read from the Gospel about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and then process into the Church. All of this is to remind us of Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem. The instruction the priest gives about this day says this:

Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection.

The priest goes on saying that we process into church with our palms, imitating the children and people of Jerusalem:

So that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross,
we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

In other words, our actions and words help us unite our sufferings and sorrows to Jesus' suffering on the Cross, but neither our suffering and nor Jesus' suffering is an end, in itself. The Cross is always a preparation for the Resurrection and new life of Easter Sunday.

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper celebrates three mysteries: the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the institution of the Priesthood, and the "Mandatum", or the command to love one another. The rituals draw our attention to these great gifts from Jesus. In our procession and incensing the Eucharist at the end, we rejoice and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist. In the washing of feet, we remember Jesus' actions and His command to love each other. And in the priest's actions and prayers, we remember that Jesus calls priests to serve his Holy People.

On **Good Friday**, we commemorate Jesus' Crucifixion and Death on the Cross. We will read from Saint John's account of his trial, suffering, and death, and have the opportunity come forward and venerate the Cross, remembering that Jesus brings us to life through the Cross. We will then receive Holy Communion and depart in silence to wait for the Resurrection.

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to make your Easter Confession, there are still many opportunities to do so, please see the days and times below:

Tuesday, April 4: 6:30-8:30 AM, Blessed Trinity

Wednesday April 5: 6:00-6:45 AM, Saint John

Wednesday, April 5: 4:30-6:30 PM, Blessed Trinity

Thursday, April 6: 12:00-1:30 PM, Saint John

Friday, April 7: 8:00-10:00 AM, Blessed Trinity

Saturday, April 8: 8:00-10:00 AM (or until finished), Saint John

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Tuesday	April 4	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Marilyn Jarvis by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Wednesday	April 5	St. John's	7:00 am	†Alfred Rogers by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Thursday	April 6	St. John's	7:00 pm	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Friday	April 7	Blessed Trinity	1:30 pm	<i>The Lord's Passion; Veneration of the Cross; Holy Communion</i>
Saturday	April 8	St. John's	8:00 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 9	St. John's	8:30 am	†Frank Plesetz by Family
Sunday	April 9	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Craig & Arlene Underhill by Chuck & Jane Waldoch, †Francis Boge by Liz Holtz

LAY MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES	Holy Thursday April 6, 7:00 pm	Holy Saturday April 8, 8:00 pm	Easter Sunday April 9, 8:30 am
Lector	Shannon Bullard Charlotte Bullard	Susan Vavra Colleen Kuhn Diane Hart	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Servers	Patrick Bullard Anthony Justinger Holly Justinger	Sophia Hogan Brett Hogan	Anthony Bustos Annalise Bustos Ben Burris Patrick Bullard
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey	Rich Tauferner	Ken Udovich Sue Neumeyer Diane Hart
Ushers	Bill Moffatt Randy Miller	Volunteer Volunteer	Peter Guske Randy Romanoski Tom Reilly
Sacristan		Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi



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.



EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 - 11 am Women's Group
Walking With Purpose
12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church hall
5:45 pm Mass

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
8:30 am Mass (Choir Sings)

MONDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 am Children's Stations
Of the Cross

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

6:00 - 6:45 am Reconciliation
7:00 am Mass
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education
4K - Grade 6
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education
Grades 7 - 12

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 - 1:30 pm Reconciliation
7:00 pm Mass

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 - 10:00 am Reconciliation
12:00 pm AA Meeting
Church hall
8:00 pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

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



SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 8:30 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, April, 2.** Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and some coffee. The social is hosted by the Pastoral Council.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL

CANCELLED: The Catholic Life Center's First Friday Social in April is cancelled due to no Mass since it is Good Friday. The next First Friday social will be held **Friday, May 3** immediately following the 7:00 am Mass.



SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD

PANTRY: Each first Monday of the month, food items that are collected at St John's are delivered to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry by volunteer parishioners. We are looking for more volunteers (individuals, couples, or groups) to help deliver food. If you are interested in delivering food on one or more first Mondays of the month during the upcoming 2023-24 year, please contact Sharon Reilly reillys53044@gmail.com. A yearly schedule will be compiled and shared with you in July.



THANK YOU!: Thank you to Sharon Reilly and Diane Hart who organized and manned the table for the last six weeks for Souper Sundays. Thank you to all the people who donated homemade soup to this project. This event was a success and will hopefully be returning next year. A total of \$1,009.00 was collected for this years Lenten Almsgiving project for Honduras.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Will not meet on **Holy Thursday, April 6.** The group will meet again on Thursday, April 13 at 2:00 pm in the lower level conference room. Everyone is welcome.



PARISH CENSUS: If you have not emailed or returned your census form to the parish office or locked box in the Gathering Space, please do so this weekend. After Easter, we will continue with the census project. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to return their forms.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER INFORMATION

IMPORTANT PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK INFORMATION:



PALM SUNDAY: Before Mass, gather under the canopy off of the parking lot for the blessing of the palms. Then process into the church for the Mass. Left over blessed palms will be available for pick up in the Gathering Space until noon on Holy Thursday.

HOLY THURSDAY: Institution of the Holy Eucharist & Holy Orders-Solemn Mass at **St. John Evangelist Parish** at **7:00 pm**. At the conclusion, the altar is stripped. The church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 am.

GOOD FRIDAY: Recalls the suffering and death of Our Lord on the Cross. The **1:30 pm** liturgical service at **Blessed Trinity Parish** includes the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The money collected will be sent to the Shrines in the Holy Land.

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL): Night watch of the Lord's Resurrection is at **8:00 pm** at **St. John Evangelist Parish**. This beautiful and inspiring Mass includes the Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Blessing of Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Holy Saturday Mass fulfills the Easter Sunday obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY: The Lord's Resurrection is at **8:30 am** at St. John Evangelist Parish and **10:30 am** at Blessed Trinity Parish.



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.

REFLECTIVE MATERIALS

LIVING WITH CHRIST HOLY WEEK BOOKS are available on the table in the Gathering Space. The April Living with Christ books are also out on the table.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR EASTER TO PENTECOST are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

Lenten Observance: The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason: a) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday during Lent; b) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Therefore, on these days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during these two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Holy Week 2023

Since the early days of Christianity, this week beginning with Palm Sunday and ending at sundown on Easter has been a sacred time because it commemorates the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here are some faith-filled ideas to plan for and to do during this Holy Week.

Palm Sunday- We celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.

- ◇ Begin your celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem at Mass at St John's at 5:45 PM on Saturday or 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday.
- ◇ Put a small statue of Jesus with your palm branches from Church in the center of your dinner table.
- ◇ Go for a walk alone or with family or friends and think about Jesus walking into Jerusalem with His disciples.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

- ◇ Clean the house: Think of spring housekeeping as a prayerful preparation for Easter.
- ◇ Buy a lily: The white flower heralds the resurrection of Jesus. You might also give one to someone who needs to hear "good news."
- ◇ Color eggs: Decorated eggs are a symbol of new life that comes with the Resurrection.
- ◇ Make a visit to the church. Pray the Stations of the Cross or some decades of the Rosary, or just spend some quiet time with Jesus.

Holy Thursday - The Holy Thursday liturgy marks the beginning of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This day recalls the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. It reminds us that we are called to serve one another.

- ◇ Come to 7:00 PM Mass at St. John's.
- ◇ Do something helpful or special for someone in need.
- ◇ Read one of the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper.
- ◇ The Eucharist is the central sacrament in our Catholic faith. Think or talk about our Catholic belief in the real presence of the risen Jesus in Holy Communion. How does/might this encounter with Jesus change us?

Good Friday - This day commemorates the crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus. It is the most solemn and sorrowful day of the Church calendar.

- ◇ Attend the Good Friday liturgy at Blessed Trinity. It includes the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, special prayers and Holy Communion.
- ◇ Set aside some time to pray and think of Jesus.
- ◇ Say a prayer for someone who has hurt you.

Holy Saturday - This day reminds us of the time of darkness and waiting when Jesus was in the tomb. It is also a day for final preparations before Easter.

- ◇ Come to the Easter Vigil Celebration at Blessed Trinity Parish at 8:30 PM.
- ◇ Gather around a fire in the backyard or around the fireplace as a way of "keeping vigil" before Jesus rises. Talk or think about how fire represents Jesus who is the light of the world. He brings light to the darkness and new life to a sleeping world.

Easter Sunday - This is the most important day of our Church year. We believe and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead!

- ◇ Celebrate the risen Lord at 8:30 AM Mass at St. John's or at 10:30 AM at Blessed Trinity or another Catholic Church. It will include the renewal of baptismal vows, a sprinkling with Easter water and receiving the Eucharist.
- ◇ Spend the day doing something you enjoy!

The time you spend on your Holy Week preparations will make Easter Sunday more meaningful and more joyful! May you and your loved ones experience the peace and the joy of the Risen Christ throughout this Easter Season and beyond.

Adapted from: Duquin, Lorena Hanley. "Holy Week: Ideas for Families." Teaching catholic kids.com. March 15, 2021

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



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.

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



Again, sincere thanks to our many parishioners who have donated so generously to the SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS (SAN).

In 1918, a Franciscan priest reprinted the "Prayer of Peace" on a holy card with a painting of St. Francis on its cover. It is certain that the majority of us know that prayer 'almost' by heart.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is offence, let me bring pardon. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. O Master, let me not seek as much to be consoled as to console. For it is in giving that one receives."

How fortunate it is that we can become instruments of peace by donating during Lent to provide housing, care, education, and clean water for orphaned, abandoned, neglected, and abused children in Honduras.

Checks/cash can be dropped into church baskets, using designated envelopes, or mailed to one of the churches listed below. Please designate "Sociedad Amigos de Los Ninos" in the check subject line. All donations are tax deductible. **Please return all donations by Sunday, April 9.**

Donations thru the weekend of March 25/26, 2023: \$10,979.00.

~John Egan, St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee

Dear Padre,

Why do we call Jesus “the Lamb of God”? How did Jesus get that name, and why do we refer to him as a lamb? Doesn’t that make him sound weak and helpless?

A lamb was a common animal of sacrifice for the Jews. The Passover account talks about sacrificing an unblemished lamb to God and eating its flesh so the people would have strength for the journey to the Promised Land.

Jesus is the perfect, unblemished sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven and we are made children of God. The Father provides Jesus as the sacrifice, and so Jesus is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial offering made because God loves us. Jesus chose to sacrifice himself according to the Father’s plan. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus gave himself into our hands so we could be caressed by the hands of God.

Like the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God is food for us. We “eat his body” and “drink his blood.” This food and drink gives us strength for our journey of faith. The food we receive from Jesus, the Lamb, is the nourishment we need to do as St. Paul begs the Philippians—and us—to do: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death—over sin and death—not over someone and against someone else. But today, there is a war. Why do we want to win like this...?

There are only losses this way.

Why not allow him to win?

ANGELUS, APRIL 10, 2022

MONDAY

April 3
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

TUESDAY

April 4
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

WEDNESDAY

April 5
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

THURSDAY

April 6
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:

Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

FRIDAY

April 7
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

SATURDAY

April 8
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mt 28:1–10

SUNDAY

April 9
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.