

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



## APRIL 9, 2023 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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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**Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM**

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**Please contact the Parish Office to:**

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

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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

### LAY MINISTERS FOR APRIL 15/16

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Carter Udovich	Riley H. Gerry Loth
Servers		Liam L. Emma L.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Udovich Family	Peggy Zimmermann



Early on the first  
day of the week ...  
Mary Magdalene  
came to the tomb  
and saw that the  
stone had been  
removed from  
the tomb.

John 20:1, NRSV

## From Father Schmeckel:

**Happy Easter to you and your family!**

What great joy should fill our hearts today!

Through His Death on the Cross, through His triumphant Resurrection from the dead, Jesus has led us from slavery, sin and death, to life, joy, and goodness!

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we sing the *Exsultet*, sometimes called the Easter Proclamation. If you have never attended the Easter Vigil or heard the *Exsultet*, I encourage you to spend some time during the Easter season to search for it on YouTube and listen to the beautiful words. This long song, in some sense, is a song about a candle. The words are about the Easter Candle that is blessed and lit for the first time and carried into the dark church. It symbolizes that Jesus' rising from the dead brings light and brightness into the darkness of our world.



Let's look at a few lines from this wondrous song:

*"Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
**let all corners of the earth be glad,**  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness."*

Just like a single candle can provide a remarkable amount of light in a darkened church, imagine how much our Christian joy can transform the world. Through us, Jesus can end gloom and darkness in our world.

Another line from this ancient hymn:

*"O truly blessed night,  
**when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,**  
and divine to the human".*

With these words, we are reminded that only through Jesus do we come close to Heaven. Jesus alone – through His Death and Resurrection – has made it possible for us to enter into the joys of heaven. Even more, through Jesus, earthly things and heavenly things can come close. We can have little glimpses of heaven even in this life. Even in times of distress and darkness, we can experience the joy and brightness of Heaven.

**THANK YOU** to all of our staff and volunteers at Blessed Trinity and Saint John who help us to celebrate Easter! Both in the day-to-day, ordinary things and being patient with me with all the extra details of Lent and Easter celebrations! From our Directors of Religious Education and Administrative Staff; to our lectors, musicians, sacristans, and ushers; to our decorators, plant-waterers, custodians and maintenance staff; and everyone in between – our celebrations could not happen as wonderfully and prayerfully without the many, many things you do to make it all happen (and to keep me on track!). May God reward you for all the work you do. I am grateful for you all.

On a personal note, as I celebrate my first Holy Week with you as your parish priest, I want to thank you for all of your kindness and support in so many ways! I love being your priest – and I look forward to many more Easters together!

**Happy and Blessed Easter to you!**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, April 15 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, April 16 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	April 8	Blessed Trinity	8:00 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 9	St. John's	<b>8:30 am</b>	†Frank Plesetz by Family
Sunday	April 9	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Craig & Arlene Underhill by Chuck & Jane Waldoch, †Francis Boge by Liz Holtz
Tuesday	April 11	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bob & Jean Rotchwite by Donna Plageman
Wednesday	April 12	St. John's	7:00 am	†Rich Lorenz by Family
Thursday	April 13	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Robert Nebel by Bettag Family
Friday	April 14	St. John's	7:00 am	†Florence Kemp by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Friday	April 14	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	April 15	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Carol Schuessler by Alvin & Marie Van Treeck
Saturday	April 15	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Bill Kriesa by Bette & Family
Sunday	April 16	St. John's	9:00 am	†Lydia Turba and Annette & Myron LaPean
Sunday	April 16	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED:** On Friday, April 7 in observance of Good Friday. The canopy doors will be unlocked on Friday, April 7 from 7:30 am until 7:30 pm and on Saturday, April 8 from 7:30 am until Holy Saturday Mass concludes for private prayer.

## Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 Spring 2023 SEEDS

**Program:** Families with children who are currently in Grades K4-Grade 6 are invited to enroll 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 forms went home with children this week and extra copies are on the table in the Gathering Space. For more information or a Registration form, please contact: Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 at [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or call the parish office 920-452-9623.



Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation  
invites you to

## Young Adult Mass & Social at King Park Sheboygan, WI

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass in the King Park Pavilion followed by dinner and games! Bring a side to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.

### Date:

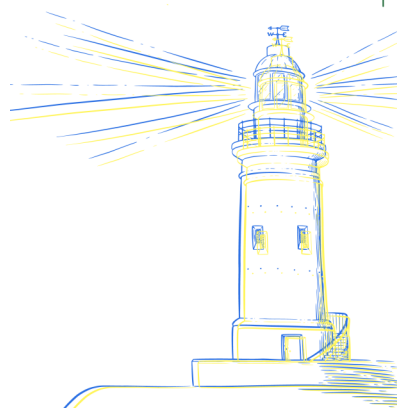
Saturday, April 15

### Time:

5:30 PM Mass  
Social to follow

### Location:

King Park Pavilion  
1615 S. 7th Street  
Sheboygan, WI  
53081



## WELCOME TO THE PARISH:

Please welcome Rick & Eve Michaletz to the parish.



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 - 10:00 am	Reconciliation
12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
<b>8:00 pm</b>	Mass (Choir Sings)

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
<b>8:30 am</b>	Mass (Choir Sings)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 11

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Study Church Hall
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## FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 am	Mass
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## SATURDAY, APRIL 15

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass

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## Called & Gifted

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

*Hosted by Sheboygan Catholic County Parishes*

God has a purpose for your life — and has equipped you for your mission. In your baptism and confirmation, you received gifts that our world needs. Do you know yours? Discover your unique gifts and learn how God is inviting you to use them through the Called & Gifted Workshop.

Register to participate in the English group or Spanish group - both groups will be taught by teachers live, concurrently, and at the same location. **Get the details and register at: [www.archmil.org/called-and-gifted](http://www.archmil.org/called-and-gifted)**

Please register **by April 17** to reserve your space.

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2133 N. 22ND ST., SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE  
**OFFICE of**  
*Evangelization & Catechesis*

**FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Please pray for the fourteen First Communion students and eight Confirmation students who will be attend retreats this upcoming week.

- ◊ The First Communion students along with their Catechists, Patti Wenberg & Susan Vavra, and their parents will be attending a retreat at St. John's to prepare for First Communion which is held at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, April 30.
- ◊ The Confirmation students will be headed to the Mt. Tabor Center in Menasha, along with DRE Teresa Bettag and Catechist Ken Udovich, as well as students from Blessed Trinity for their preparation for Confirmation which is at Blessed Trinity on Sunday, October 1.



## SHEBOYGAN SOUTH CATHOLIC PARISHES

Would you like to slow down this Easter Season and rest with Jesus?  
Interested in learning how to pray with Scripture?

Join us for any combination of Sundays and/or Mondays this Easter season for "Journey with The Saint John's Bible." On Sundays, we'll explore the story of salvation through Scripture and art, sharing fellowship and prayer together. On Mondays, we will practice handwriting Scripture, inspired by the entirely hand written and illuminated St. John's Bible.  
For more info contact Anja Renkes at [renkesa@catholicsouthside.com](mailto:renkesa@catholicsouthside.com).

### Sundays

April 16th 10:30 - 11:20 at St. Peter Claver  
April 23rd 11:30 - 12:20 at Immaculate Conception  
April 30th 9:30 - 10:20 at SS. Cyril and Methodius  
May 7th 10:30 - 11:20 at St. Peter Claver  
May 14th 11:30 - 12:20 at Immaculate Conception  
May 21st 9:30 - 10:20 at SS. Cyril and Methodius

### Mondays

(Go deeper) Sessions at St. Peter Claver  
April 17th 6:30 - 7:45  
April 24th 6:30 - 7:45  
May 1st 6:30 - 7:45  
May 8th 6:30 - 7:45  
May 15th 6:30 - 7:45  
May 22nd 6:30 - 7:45

ORGANIZED BY SHEBOYGAN SOUTH CATHOLIC PARISHES: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, ST. PETER CLAVER AND SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

**APRIL WINE & HOSTS:** In Memory of Jerome Fuhrmann by Dian Fuhrmann and Family

**FINANCIAL: APRIL 1/2, 2023:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,083.00..

**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.

## Never Skip BRUNCH

Hey Senior Singles 55+ from Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes!  
Let's have breakfast or lunch...

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 27th at 10:30 am

**WHERE:** River Park Family Restaurant 813 Monroe Street Sheboygan Falls

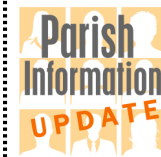
Please RSVP to Patty Daun by **April 19th** to [pattydaun60@gmail.com](mailto:pattydaun60@gmail.com) or call 920-207-9023.

Hope to see a lot of you there!





**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](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) with any questions on this event.

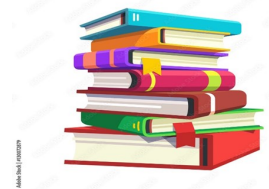


**P A R I S H CENSUS:** If you have not emailed or returned your census form to the parish office or locked box in the Gathering Space, please do so this weekend. After Easter, we will continue with the census project. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to return their forms.

### **SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NINOS 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 and others who have donated so generously to

### **SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NINOS (SAN).**

In 1987, Father Louis Evely published a book entitled SUFFERING. In his book, he wrote: "To sacrifice is to be so much attached to God as to entrust Him with what is dearest to us, in order for everything we love to be under the same care and on the same side. There is a means of giving back to God everything He has given us, through expressing to him the confidence we have in Him that He will keep it infinitely better that we would be able to.

What we keep falls apart in our hands which retain it. But anything which is given to God is saved forever." Can we do less for somebody we love than to sacrifice him, to divinize him in this way? **We can give back to God during this Lenten season by donating to provide housing, care, education, and clean water for orphaned, abandoned, neglected, and abused children in Honduras.**

**Please return all donations by Sunday, April 9.**

Donations thru the weekend of April 1/2, 2023: **\$14,518.00**

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

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



## EASTER 2023

*Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid.  
Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."*

– Matthew 28:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The road to Calvary was filled with suffering, the cross and our Lord's death. It appeared that all was lost — but he lives! He is risen from the very tomb that enclosed him and he establishes the way. The joy of Easter is that God's love conquers. The way to the empty tomb and everlasting life is through uniting ourselves to the cross.

Let this Easter be a time of renewal for your faith. See the sign of the empty tomb and rejoice in Christ's victory over your own sin and death. Resolve to return to him with your whole heart, trusting that he will provide for your every need. Live in the joy of the Resurrection and share that joy with those who have yet to experience it.

Like the disciples, let's proclaim in our church and to others in our lives: *Alleluia! He is Risen!*

This Easter season, I ask all members of our Catholic faith community to commit to growing more deeply in relationship with Jesus Christ. Commit to participating in Mass fully every week with joy, and invite others to share this experience with you. Commit to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation often, reading the Bible daily and praying always. Remember that the promise made by Christ thousands of years ago that his disciples would see him again is just as true today as when it was first proclaimed.

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Jerome E. Listeki*

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listeki  
Archbishop of Milwaukee



# Dear Padre,

## Why should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me" (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah "Peter," meaning "rock." Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus' work until the end of time. The whole Church, the "Body of Christ," as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13-16). ●

**Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 2:14, 22-32	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
Mt 28:8-15						

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force.... This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars.... The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and mildness: it is taking responsibility for others.**

GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 13, 2022