

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 16, 2023 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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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Rich Tauferner

Peter Bustos

Tracy Kissel

Norma Horne

Jenny Roatch

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

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

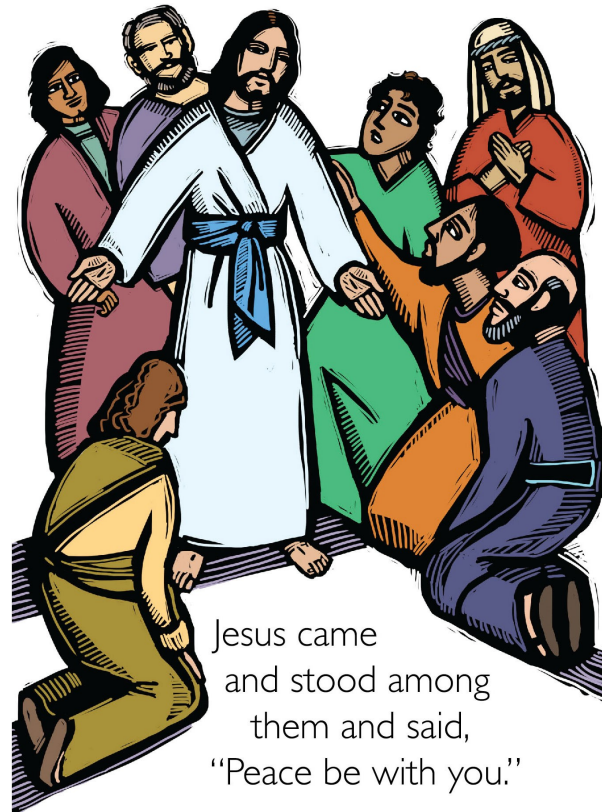
Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

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

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR APRIL 22/23

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Colleen Kuhn	Charlotte Bullard Joseph Becker
Servers		Holly Justinger Brett Hogan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Judy Grey	Diane Torke



Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV

From Father Schmeckel:

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter, also called **Divine Mercy Sunday**. It was given this name by Pope Saint John Paul II – following the revelations of our Lord to Saint Faustina, a Polish nun. In the joy of the Easter season, we have a special emphasis on the mercy of God. Out of these revelations, we receive the Divine Mercy Chaplet – a series of repeated prayers that are short and ask Jesus to redeem the world. The Chaplet can be prayed using an ordinary rosary. It is a quick and easy devotion that could help you to grow in trust in Jesus and His Mercy. If you're unfamiliar with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, we will have a few copies of instructions available near the back of both churches. Otherwise, you can easily find it online.



One of the prayers that comes near the end of the Divine Mercy Chaplet is: **Jesus, I trust in you.** What a beautiful, quick prayer that we can say throughout the day! It does not take much time or attention to say these few words! It is an easy way to stop and give everything to Jesus many, many times through your day! Jesus, I trust in you!

I am not a regular moviegoer, but I saw the new film **"His Only Son"** while getting caught up after all the Holy Week activities and celebrations. This movie was produced in part by Angel Studios, which produced the very popular "Chosen" television series about Jesus. "His Only Son" tells the story from the Book of Genesis when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only beloved son, Isaac. It shows the life of Abraham as he comes to believe in God and trust in God's plan for himself and his family. The story of Abraham and Isaac is all a preparation for the coming of Jesus when God would offer his only Son to save the people of the world from their sins. The movie tells this story in an artistic manner. Most of Hollywood isn't in the business of making works that are supportive of the Truth or the teachings of the Christian faith. This movie is a good way for us as Christians to support the production of good Christian art, films, etc.



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 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 or call the parish office 920-452-9623.

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

FINANCIAL: HOLY WEEK: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$8,251.70.

EASTER: \$1,914.00.

ROSARY LEADER NEEDED: We are in need of Rosary leaders for the month of May. The rosary is recited 20 minutes prior to the weekend Masses. Please contact Rich Tauferner at 920-918-5066 to volunteer to lead the Rosary before one or more of these Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	April 18	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Germaine Zimbal by Ann Reineking
Wednesday	April 19	St. John's	7:00 am	†Patrick Rogers by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Thursday	April 20	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for 67 years of Marriage for Don & Joan Otto
Friday	April 21	St. John's	7:00 am	†Georgiana McGinnis by K & S Schmeling
Saturday	April 22	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Brian Woveras by Family
Saturday	April 22	St. John's	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 23	St. John's	9:00 am	†Patricia Makoutz by Makoutz Family
Sunday	April 23	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Wally Dobrzynski by Family, †Warren & Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7-12: Happy Easter! This second Sunday of Easter is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." It concludes the octave of Easter, which is the first eight days following Easter Sunday, where every single day is another Easter Sunday! The resurrection of Christ is such a pivotal, (eternal) life-changing, historical event that one day could not possibly suffice. Truly, our Catholic faith celebrates 50 days for the Easter season, for we feast more than we fast during those 40 days of Lent, for Christ has risen! Yes, He has truly risen. Indeed, every Sunday of the year is a mini-Easter, where we celebrate the "good news" that Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead. This is known as the Paschal Mystery! The reason why we call today "Divine Mercy Sunday" is because St. Pope John Paul II declared this feast during the Jubilee year of 2000 at the canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kowalska, the first Saint to be canonized in the new millennium. Did you know that "mercy" means "undeserved favor" or "grace." We can never thank God enough for His infinite mercy, for as Thomas Merton, a 20th century Trappist monk once wrote, "it is not dutiful observance that keeps us from sin, but something far greater-it is love. And this love is not something which we develop by our own powers alone. It is a sublime gift of divine mercy." In France, when people say "thank you" they use the word "merci." Perhaps, these words of love and mercy are all entwined with our heartfelt gratitude for the infinite sacrificial love that God daily pours out on us, His children, through the gifts of the Sacraments, that we, as Catholics, are privileged to receive throughout our lives, especially at Mass in the Eucharist!



Our Religious Education year is winding up, as classes finish later this month! We began the month with Stations of the Cross to start class and then this week we all prayed the "chaplet of Divine Mercy." Our 11th graders attended their Confirmation retreat this past weekend at Mt. Tabor Center in Menasha, WI., so all are busy "falling in love with Jesus!" Please keep all of our students in your prayers and know that we will do the same for all of you! Thanks/Merci and see you at Mass! ~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, April 22 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, April 23 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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 (Choir Sings)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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 20

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Study Church Hall
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FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 am	Mass
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SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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





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**

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

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SOCIEDAD AMIGOS DE LOS NIÑOS 2023 LENTEN ALMSGIVING

INITIATIVE: Sincere thanks to our many parishioners and others who have donated so generously to the 2023 Lenten Almsgiving Initiative. You all are the hands of Christ reaching out to provide housing, care, education, and clean water for orphaned, abandoned, neglected, and abused children in Honduras. By reaching out to help the struggling children in Honduras, God is made visible. ("We have seen God reveal Himself through creation, for the world, cast in His image, is God made visible - That Man Is You - Louis Evely.") Donations are still welcomed and will be included with the donations received to date, which will be forwarded to Mary Jo Braatz for the Sociedad Amigos De Los Ninos Lenten Project. (Please designate "Sociedad Amigos de Los Ninos" in the check subject line. All donations are tax deductible.)

St. John Evangelist & Blessed Trinity Donations thru the weekend of April 8/9, 2023: **\$15,558.00.**

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





ST. JOHN EVANGELIST MISSION SOCIETY QUILT RAFFLE

**Tickets sold before & after Masses in the narthex on
April 15/16 and April 22/23**

DRAWING AT 10:00 AM ON APRIL 23.

\$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00

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 or call 920-207-9023.

Hope to see a lot of you there!



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.

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



CHILDREN'S ITEMS:

There will be a number of children's toys in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend which are free for the taking. Any toys remaining on Monday, April 24 will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:

Next weekend (April 22/23), the Blessed Trinity's Knights of Columbus will be selling tootsie rolls at the Masses.

Dear Padre,

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot *cling* to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●



ANDRIYD / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY

April 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

TUESDAY

April 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

WEDNESDAY

April 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

THURSDAY

April 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

FRIDAY

April 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

SATURDAY

April 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

SUNDAY

April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–28

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Don't be afraid of doubts, because they are not a sign of the lack of faith....On the contrary, doubts are "vitamins of faith": they help strengthen faith and make it more robust. They enable faith to grow, to become more conscious, free and mature. They make it more eager to set out, to persevere with humility, day after day.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021