

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 30, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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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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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:

Wednesday & 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 MAY 6/7

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Melanie Pellegrino	Erin Meyer Norah Justinger
Servers		Anthony Justinger Patrick Bullard
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	Volunteer



"I am the
good
shepherd."

John 10:11

From Father Schmeckel:

This Sunday, at Saint John's, we will celebrate the First Communion of our second graders and several of our third graders! First Communion will be celebrated next Sunday at Blessed Trinity. Please pray that their friendship with Jesus will be strengthened when they receive His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

"First Communion Season" is a good opportunity for all of us to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and what it is that we celebrate at each Mass.



The writings of the Second Vatican Council tell us that **the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."** The Council Fathers also said:

"The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (Both quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1324)

We can say all of this another way: Everything starts and ends with the Eucharist. Nothing makes sense without the Mass at the center of our lives. Family life, serving the poor, sports, volunteering, school, giving away everything we own – none of this makes sense without the Eucharist at the center!

Sometimes, we can be tempted to think that we don't have time for Mass because of many other obligations, but the example of many saints and holy people throughout the centuries prove that this is false. We think of people like Saint Mother Teresa or the servant of God, Dorothy Day – who had tremendous care for the poor, and service to the sick, yet all of these holy women had an even greater love and care for Jesus – who is truly present in the Eucharist.

Each of us should try to be more like these saintly people – fulfilling our duties and obligations to our families and communities, but always rooted in the Eucharist. We do this by receiving Him worthily and well every week.

This Sunday is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Many of your sons, grandsons, and nephews are being called to consider a vocation to be a priest. Many of your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces are being called to consider a vocation as a nun, a religious sister, or as a consecrated virgin. Many of your children will be called live their vocation as holy and faithful husbands and wives. It is one of my hopes and dreams for our parishes that we can become a place of prayer, support, and encouragement so all of our young people can and will follow Jesus during their lives, no matter what vocation He is calling them to, and to do so with courage, love, and joy! Don't be afraid to encourage your son or daughter, and all our young people, to follow the Lord in an adventurous life!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, May 5**. All emails and voicemails will be returned as soon as possible on Monday, May 8. If there is an emergency, please call Father Schmeckel at 920-550-1145.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	April 29	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†William, Emily, & Karen Plate by Randy & Ann Reineking, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Saturday	April 29	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerry Everly by Pellegrino Family
Sunday	April 30	St. John's	9:00 am	Special Intention for the First Communion Students
Sunday	April 30	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	May 2	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Lucille & Barb Knoll by Donna Plageman
Wednesday	May 3	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dorothy Dorner by Andy & Tracy Kissel
Thursday	May 4	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Kyle Wagner by Mom & Dad
Friday	May 5	St. John's	7:00 am	†John, Clara, Delia & Jr. Brazell by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Friday	May 5	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	May 6	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Edwin Sabel & Jane Ornelas by Family, †Mike Ferk by Dave & Nancy Schleicher
Saturday	May 6	St. John's	5:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 7	St. John's	9:00 am	†Donald Hill by Tengowski Family
Sunday	May 7	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†John & Alena Markgraf by Paul Morgan Family, †Betty Van Ouwerkerk by Janet Mauer

FIRST COMMUNION: *This Sunday, April 30, our St. John Evangelist Parish children are celebrating the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time at the 9:00 AM Mass. A special thank you to these children's parents and families and to Catechists Patti Wenberg and Susan Vavra who worked together to prepare them for this special occasion. We congratulate all these children who are receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the very first time and their parents, and pray that they will always have faith in God and that, with God's help and the example of his Son, Jesus, they will continue to appreciate and to use the many gifts that they have been given!*



**Felicity
Jillian
Aydin
Agnes
Patrick**

**Madeleine
Sophia
Nolan
Oliver
Conor**

**Viviana
Casper
Kylie
Reese**

MASS BEFORE/AFTER MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE: Our 7-12th grade Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Teresa Bettag, is continuing the class before/after Mass again this summer! Please mark your calendars for talks on:

- ✦ The beauty of our church, complete with a church tour on **Sunday, June 11** after the 9:00 am Mass.
 - ✦ A presentation on the Catholic founding of America on **Saturday, July 8** from 4:00 - 5:15 pm, before the 5:30 pm Vigil Mass,
 - ✦ A "walk through the Holy sites" with Susan Vavra on **Sunday, August 13** after the 9:00 am Mass.
- Come one, come all, tell some friends and look forward to seeing you in the gathering space this summer. Lifelong learning is fun!!

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

12:00 pm	AA Meeting Church hall
3:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:30 pm	Mass (Choir Sings)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass (Choir Sings)

TUESDAY, MAY 2

8:30 - 11:00 am	Mission Society
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:00 am	Mass
3:30 - 4:45 pm	SEEDs Program 4K - Grade 6

THURSDAY, MAY 4

2:00 - 3:00 pm	Bible Study Church Hall
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FRIDAY, MAY 5

7:00 am	Mass
7:30 am	First Friday Social

SATURDAY, MAY 6

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

SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:00 - 8:45 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Sunday Social

St. John's Human Concerns-Social Justice Committee: Human Concerns Social Justice Committee members will once again be serving an "Emmaus Meal" on **Saturday, May 13th** from **10:30 am to about 1:30 pm**. They are seeking volunteers to help serve that Meal (held at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan) and/or provide bars for desserts. If you are available to bake or offer a few volunteer hours, please contact Sharon Reilly (920-980-9622) or sign up on the board at the Church in the Gathering Space area. This is a great opportunity to get involved with St. John's Community.

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL:

The Catholic Life Center will host a First Friday Social after the 7:00 am Mass on Friday, **May 5**. Please stay for a donut and some coffee.



SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY,**

May, 7. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Catholic Life Center.



FINANCIAL: APRIL 22/23: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$4,308.81.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, May 6 and St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, May 5 at 6:00 am and Sunday, May 7 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

FISH FRY: St. Peter Claver Parish, 1439 S 12th St, Sheboygan will serve lightly breaded fish on **Friday, March 3** 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.





FRESH MEALS ON WHEELS DUSK TO GLOW GOLF

OUTING: Do you enjoy golf? Need something fun to do on a Friday night? Consider joining Fresh Meals On Wheels at their inaugural "glow ball golf fundraiser" taking place **Friday, May 19 from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am** at Crystal Lake Golf Course. Played in a best ball scramble format, where your foursome could take top honors. Each golfer will receive 2 LED lit golf balls. Enjoy food & drinks, raffle prizes, attempt a hole prize and help raise money for Sheboygan County's senior, disabled and homebound neighbors. Cost is \$280 per foursome, \$75 per golfer, or \$30 per spectator. More details can be found on their website at

<https://www.freshmealsonwheels.org/events>

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.

HOMEBOUND

VISITS: If you or someone you know is homebound and is interested in receiving Communion regularly, please call the Parish Office at 920-452-9623 so that Father can visit, and we can also arrange Communion visits.



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.

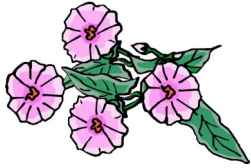
Sundays

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

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



CLC Calendar

May 2023



- May 2 -Health and Wellness Discussion: Walking Aids, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 3 -**The Sacraments with Bishop Barron**, "The Eucharist", 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 4 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- May 5 -First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass, SJE Gathering Space
- May 5 -Senior Singles Board Games, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, CLC-MR
- May 8 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- May 9 -Coloring for Relaxation, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 10 -**The Sacraments with Bishop Barron**, "Reconciliation", 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 10 -Movie Matinee, *Singing in the Rain*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- May 11 -Second Thursday Coffee after 9:00 am Mass, CLC-MR
- May 11 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- May 14 -**Happy Mother's Day!**
- May 16 -Rogers Behavioral Health and the Power of Gratitude, 10:00-11:00 am,
SJE Church Hall
- May 17 -**The Sacraments with Bishop Barron**, "The Anointing of the Sick",
10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 18 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- May 18 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- May 21 -**The Paschal Mystery: Jesus' Death and Resurrection**, Enrichment Sunday
after 9:00 am Mass, SJE classroom, with refreshments
- May 22 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- May 24 -**The Sacraments with Bishop Barron**, "Matrimony and Holy Orders",
10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- May 25 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-Church Hall
- May 30 -"Celebrate Summer" Coffee Social, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR

Upcoming Dates

- **June 6 -Principals of Life Insurance, Annuities and Funeral Trusts, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- **June 7 -Walking in the Steps of St. Francis and St. Clare by Susan Vavra,
10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- **June 8 -Summer Potluck Picnic with Games, 12:00-2:00 pm, CLC
- **June 14 -Movie Matinee, *Sister Act*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- **June 20 -Boys and Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR

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.





2023 Jazz Dinner Cruise on Lake Geneva Cruise Line

Music by Jazz Scholars

Friday, September 8, 2023

MENU

Mixed Green Salad with Cucumber, Carrots, Local Tomatoes, and Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
Bakery Rolls and Butter
Sirloin Steak with Mushrooms **OR** Baked Salmon with Orange-Basil Butter
Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes
Summer Vegetable
Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce

- Guests must make their entree selection at the time of booking.
- A vegetarian option (Pesto Pasta with sun-dried tomatoes, asparagus, and local mushrooms) is available with advance notice.
- Gluten free bread and fresh fruit platter for dessert are available upon request. All other items are prepared gluten free.
- All special orders must be placed at least 48 hours prior to the tour date. Sorry, no exceptions.
- Recommended ages 10+
- Full cash bar available

Itinerary:

1:15 pm	Bus leaves from Blessed Trinity Parking Lot
3:00 pm	Arrive at Lake Geneva Cruise Lines, explore Main Street
5:30 pm	Check in for cruise
6:00 pm	Dinner Cruise begins
8:30 pm	Dinner Cruise ends
10:30 pm	Bus arrives back to Blessed Trinity Parking Lot

Sign up by July 1st! Bus will fill up. \$99 per person includes bus, cruise and dinner.

Return to CLC or Parish Office (115 Summer Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085)

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Guests: _____

Entrée Selection for each guest: _____ Sirloin Steak _____ Baked Salmon

Special Dietary Orders _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name

Phone

Relationship

\$99 x ____ (number of people) = _____ **(Total) Enclosed (Cash/Check Payable to Blessed Trinity Parish)**

Dear Padre,

In the Apostles' Creed, we profess that Jesus "descended into hell." Is there any biblical reference to this? Do we know what he did when he was there?

Jesus Christ—who experienced death completely—descended to the realm of death. By his resurrection from the dead on the third day, he conquered death and the devil, “who has the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14). Other scriptural references include Acts 3:15, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:20, and Hebrews 13:20. An ancient homily for Holy Saturday also attests to this belief: “God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began....Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds and Eve, captive with him....‘I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.’”

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him” (CCC 633). His descent was to proclaim the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there, bringing “the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfillment” to all people of all times and all places (CCC 634). Thus, “the gospel was preached even to the dead” (1 Peter 4:6). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not always easy to discern the Good Shepherd's voice. Be careful. There is always the risk of being distracted by the din of so many other voices. Today we are invited not to let ourselves be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus...the one sure guide....

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 7, 2017

MONDAY

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1–18
Jn 10:11–18

TUESDAY

May 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 11:19–26
Jn 10:22–30

WEDNESDAY

May 3
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1–8
Jn 14:6–14

THURSDAY

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13–25
Jn 13:16–20

FRIDAY

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26–33
Jn 14:1–6

SATURDAY

May 6
Weekday
Acts 13:44–52
Jn 14:7–14

SUNDAY

May 7
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1–7
1 Pt 2:4–9
Jn 14:1–12

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