

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 14, 2023 SIXTH 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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Chairperson.....Bridgitt Zielke

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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

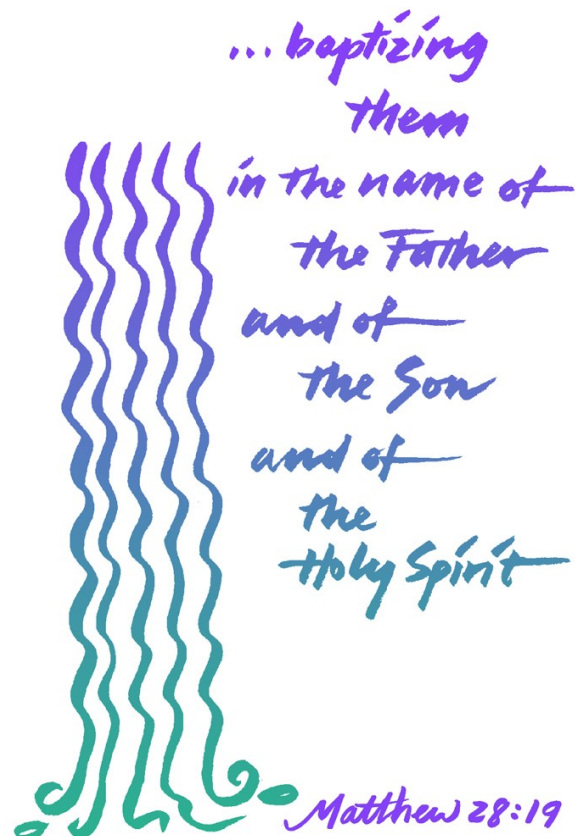
Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

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

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

LAY MINISTERS FOR MAY 20/21

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Carter Udovich	Colleen Kuhn
Servers		Emma LaFata Liam LaFata
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	Hart Family



From Father Schmeckel:

In last week's bulletin, I wrote about the "effects" of Holy Communion for us in our lives as Christians. This week, we'll finish the last three benefits or "fruits of the Eucharist" that are described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They are (1) preserves us from future mortal sins (n. 1395); (2) unites us more fully to the Church of Jesus Christ (n. 1396); and (3) commits us to the poor (n. 1397). Let's look at a few of these benefits of the Eucharist a little more carefully:



First, regular reception of the Eucharist **preserves us from future mortal sins**.

This is similar to the "fruit" or benefit that I wrote about last week. When we eat good food it helps us ward off small illnesses more easily. Even more so, eating well and having the right nourishment can prevent serious illness later on in life. And so, the Eucharist – the true food from Heaven – helps us not to commit mortal sins that cut off our relationship with God.

Second, the Eucharist **unites us more fully with the Church**. The Catechism quotes Saint Augustine at length:

"To that which you are you respond 'Amen' ('yes, it is true!') and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, 'the Body of Christ' and respond 'Amen.' Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true." (n. 1396)

In other words, when we receive Holy Communion and say "Amen", we are saying "Yes" to everything that Jesus taught and left His Church. When we say "Amen", we are saying "I believe", in a sense, to all of the teachings – easy and hard that Jesus' Church teaches. This is partly why as Catholics, we ask non-Catholics and Protestants to refrain from receiving Holy Communion. It's not because we're mean or "hoarding" Jesus for ourselves. Saying "Amen" and receiving Holy Communion – when we really don't believe or want to believe everything that the Catholic Church teaches to be true causes a disunity within ourselves that is detrimental to our spiritual well-being.

Finally, the Eucharist **commits us to the poor**. The Catechism says, "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (n.1397). If we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus at Mass, then we must be ready to find Jesus also in the poor and the destitute. The Eucharist is the necessary food that pushes us out into the world to care for others who are in need.

As we continue throughout this Easter season, it is a good opportunity for each of us to keep praying and thanking God for the gift of the Eucharist. What a privilege it is for all of us to be able to easily attend Mass and to be able to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in His fullness week after week! May we never take this gift for granted!

MAY WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner.

FINANCIAL: MAY 6/7: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,371.23.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER UPDATE: As of Friday, May, 5, St. John Evangelist Parishioners have donated \$312,425.00. This is 73% of our \$429,405.00 goal.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday	May 13	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Carol Schuessler by Family
Saturday	May 13	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand and Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	May 14	St. John's	9:00 am	†Ann Marie Pelosi by Pellegrino Family
Sunday	May 14	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	May 16	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Ken & Harriette Siwicki by Paula Inda
Wednesday	May 17	St. John's	7:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Versey Family
Thursday	May 18	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†John Schmid by John & Ann Wieseckel
Friday	May 19	St. John's	7:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family
Saturday	May 20	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†John Klopff by Family, †Mary Congor by Jim & Wanda Sabel
Saturday	May 20	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Klein Family by Richard Klein
Sunday	May 21	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 21	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Eugene McCabe by Marilyn McCabe, †Brian Schmidt by Alvin & Marie Van Treeck

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Leo Michael, son of Paul & Meghan Garni was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Sunday, April 30. Please pray for Leo and his family.



A special THANK YOU during this Teacher Appreciation Week to the St. John Evangelist Parish Catechists who said "yes" to God's call and shared their Catholic faith with God's children as Teachers of Religious Education during this 2022-23 School Year. We thank:

Delair Avery
Lorrie Free
Lori Lee
Tricia Mikolyzk
Meriel Radloff
Rich Tauferner
Susan Vavra
Patti Wenberg

Nick Cinquepalmi
Steve Kovacs
Jen Meyer
Crystal Perez
Sharon Reilly
Ken Udovich
Mark Weber

May God reward you with many blessings for this beautiful gift you have given so generously this year.



ROSARY LEADER NEEDED: We are in need of a Rosary leader for Saturday, May 27 at the 5:30 pm Mass. Please contact Rich Tauferner at 920-918-5066 if you would be able to help out at that Mass.

Rosary Leaders for May 20/21: Saturday: Susan Vavra

Sunday: Rich Tauferner

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 13

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14

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

TUESDAY, MAY 16

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18

2:00 - 3:00 pm Bible Study
Church Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 19

7:00 am Mass

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USHERS

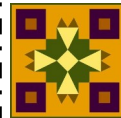


SATURDAY USHERS

NEEDED:

We are in urgent need of another usher for the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month and two ushers for the 5th Saturday of the month. If you are able to serve at one or more of these times, please contact the Parish Office at stjohnnev@btsje.org.

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.



MISSION SOCIETY:

Tuesday, May 16 will be the last quilting session of the year. Thank you to everyone who has helped assemble the quilts. The group will resume in the fall. Watch the bulletin for the exact date.



Students in the Spring Interim Religious Education (4K-Grade 6) SEEDs Program are learning about Saints. As St. Mother Teresa did, they thought about the needs of others and made placemats for St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee members who serve the "Emmaus Meal". The placemats will be used to decorate the tables for those who come for the noon meal which was held on Saturday, May 13.

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:

- ♦ **CLC Walking Program with Diane Hart:** Will resume after Labor Day. Please watch the monthly CLC insert for the beginning date.
- ♦ **The "Power of Gratitude" presented by Rodgers Behavioral Health Center Staff:** Will be held on **Tuesday, May 16** from **10:00 - 11:00 am** in the St. John Evangelist Parish hall.
- ♦ **2023 Jazz Dinner Cruise on Lake Geneva Cruise Line** on **Friday, September 8.** Cost per person is \$99.00 which includes the bus trip to and from Lake Geneva. There will be time to spend exploring main street, and dinner and jazz on Lake Geneva. Sign-up sheets are available on the table in the Gathering Space and are due by **July 1.**
- ♦ **St. John Evangelist & Blessed Trinity 55+ Singles Group:** Planned outdoor activity at Ellwood H. May Environmental Park (3615 Mueller Rd., Sheboygan) on **Tuesday, May 23,** weather permitting at **10:30 am.** Singles can either hike together or in small groups. For further information on trails and maps go to: <https://gomaywood.org/park-information/trails-and-maps/>. The park also has an Ecology Center that can be explored. Please note that pets are NOT allowed in the park. Bring your own lunch so we can have a picnic. If interested, please contact Ann Slimmer at 920-980-6376 (call or text) or slaam1982@charter.net by **Friday, May 19.**

ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE:

Saturday, June 10, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center (3501 S Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235). The purpose of a Eucharistic Congress is to draw the local Body of Christ together for worship, adoration, education, service, joy, and especially mission. There will be a Votive Mass to the Most Holy Eucharist with Archbishop ListECKi presiding, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, formation sessions by the National Eucharistic Preachers, and other opportunities for prayer and service. Catholics of all ages and backgrounds are welcome to attend this beautiful moment of encountering Jesus Christ. Registration deadline is **Thursday, June 1.** Please register at: https://archmil.regfox.com/archdiocesan-eucharistic-congress?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website&utm_source=sendgrid



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





3rd Annual Brewers Game Outing
San Diego Padres vs. Milwaukee Brewers
Sunday, August 27, 2023 - 1:10 pm Game Time
Sponsored by Pastoral Council

Included in Package:

- Ticket – Lodge Outfield Box Section 207 - right field line in shade
- Transportation on a Discovery Coach
- Box Lunch
- Drinks before and after game

Cost \$60 per person

Schedule

11:00 am – Bus departs St. John's parking lot

1:10 pm – Game Starts

5:00 pm – Return to St. John's parking lot (approximate)

Sign up by completing information below. Return with payment to Parish Office 601 Valley Rd Kohler, WI 53044 or place envelope in the collection basket at Mass with "Brewers Game" written on outside. Checks are to be made payable to St. John Evangelist Parish and please write "Brewers" on the memo line.

Any questions contact Chris Jennings at 920-918-1022, cwjennings9@gmail.com or Parish Office 920-452-9623, stjohnnev@btsje.org.

Deadline for sign up – July 15, 2023 or while tickets last

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Number Attending*:	

*Minors attending without parent or guardian must complete permission slip.
Contact Parish Office if needed.

Dear Padre,

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid. ●



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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Ascension
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15,	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Acts 18:23-28	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	22-18:1	Jn 16:16-20	Jn 16:20-23	Jn 16:23b-28	Eph 1:17-23
		Jn 16:12-15				Mt 28:16-20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[The Holy Spirit] is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 17, 2020

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