

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**MAY 21, 2023 THE ASCENSION 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

## PARISH OFFICE

**Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM**

601 Valley Road, Kohler WI 53044

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Website.....[stjohnkohler.org](http://stjohnkohler.org)

**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

## PARISH STAFF:

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## FINANCE COUNCIL:

**Finance Council Chair**.....Rob Wenberg

Bob Goldsmith

Ryan Kuhn

## PASTORAL COUNCIL:

**Chairperson**.....Bridgitt Zielke

**Vice Chairperson**.....Steve O'Neil

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 27/28

MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Bill Moffatt	Susan Vavra Norah Justinger
Servers		Joseph Becker Hollyann Becker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Volunteer Volunteer	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil
Greeters	Judy Grey	Tracy Kissel



## From Father Schmeckel:

This Sunday, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. Forty days after Jesus' Resurrection from the dead He was "taken up into heaven, and sat at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19) In my estimation, this is one of two feast days in the Church's calendar that are dramatically under-celebrated and underappreciated. This feast of the Ascension commemorates one of the most important realities of our faith. Be sure to celebrate this great day with a little extra prayer and joy!



Pope Benedict wrote that in the Ascension, Jesus has "eternally opened up within God a space for humanity." In other words, because Jesus returns to his Father – fully God and fully human – he brings our humanity with Him into the life of God. This means that everything about our humanity (except sin) is a part of God, including the ordinary things of daily life – like eating, cleaning, reading, and doing our work diligently. All of this should be part of our prayer and the gifts we give back to God. We know that the large and momentous things of life – like weddings, funerals, baptisms – are all part of our life with God, but do we also take seriously the plain and ordinary aspects of each day as a place where God speaks to us and calls us to life with Him? **Do we look for God in every human aspect of our lives?**

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave the Apostles a final "job" and a promise. In the Gospel of today's Mass, Jesus says to the Eleven, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Baptizing and teaching the faith of Jesus is the last command that He gives the Apostles before returning to the Father.

Finally, Jesus' promise. He says to them, "And behold, **I am with you always, until the end of the age.**" This reading is one of the options for Baptisms, and the one I choose most frequently. I always tell the parents of the child who is about to be baptized that God is faithful to his promises. When parents bring a baby to the church to be baptized, they have no idea what will happen in his or her life in 1, 5, 10, or 30 years. There will be good and bad times, sickness and health, and everything in between. But one thing is certain and absolute: **Jesus will always be with their child, and He will always be with each of us.** Just as the Church goes on baptizing babies year after year, in good times and bad, in sickness and health, in poverty and wealth, Jesus keeps showing up and remaining close to every one of us!

As we celebrate the Ascension this year, it is a good time for us, as individuals, as families, and as a parish, to ask: **is bringing people to Jesus and teaching them about Jesus the most important reality in my life?** Too often, we get caught up in lots of practical things in parish and family life – budgets, calendars, and material things. All are important and necessary realities of life – but the "why" of all these things is Jesus and a friendship with Him. Happy Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord!

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

**FINANCIAL: MAY 13/14:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,256.10.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Tuesday	May 23	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Fr. Eugene Winkler by Alvin & Marie Van Treeck
Wednesday	May 24	St. John's	7:00 am	†Chuck Graf by Mel & Lorrie Free
Thursday	May 25	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Thomas Langbauer by Patricia Clements
Friday	May 26	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Saturday	May 27	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Alfred & Rita Grusznski by Children
Saturday	May 27	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Arlene Underhill by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Sunday	May 28	St. John's	9:00 am	†Scott McGinnis by McGinnis Family
Sunday	May 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7-12:

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, taken body and soul into heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father. From the very start of Jesus' ministry when He called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to "come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men" until the mission He proclaims to the eleven apostles today in Matthew's gospel to "go and make disciples of all nations" Jesus has continually asked His followers to "come and go" so as to draw all people to Himself. Jesus' ascension then is all about presence, not absence. Though we read in Acts today, He was "lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight" we know that this event is truly "uplifting" for if Jesus had not ascended to His Father, the Holy Spirit would not have come, as we will hear next Sunday at Pentecost. Jesus would be physically limited in His presence to others. For if people wanted to see Jesus, they would have had to travel to the Holy Land and look for Jesus in Galilee or Jerusalem. But by his "lifting up" He promised to send us the Holy Spirit, our comforter, advocate, breath of God, and so Jesus can be everywhere through space and time. We see this every time we go to Mass at the consecration. It is through the power and action of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus is truly made present in the Eucharist and can now be found in every tabernacle in every Catholic Church throughout the world! Even more than this, He can be truly present in each and every one of us, as we receive Jesus in the Eucharist at every Mass and become "living tabernacles!" Just like the apostles and disciples that we heard about in today's readings, we "come" to worship together at Mass, we receive Jesus and then we "go" to "glorify the Lord by our lives." Jesus' mission of "come and go" is now our mission to "come and go." The world is desperate for us to "go and make disciples of all nations." We are being sent to sanctify the world and we can do this because of the power of the Holy Spirit alive and present in our Church, in its Sacraments and in each one of us! We are all on mission-this is an exciting adventure and we are never alone, God is with us and within us, so be not afraid! See you at Mass.



Remember to mark your calendars to stay after the **9:00 am Sunday, June 4 Mass** for a Church tour of St. John Evangelist Parish! One of the first ways to encounter God is through beauty, so come and learn more about the beauty of your parish church! Hope to see you there!

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 21

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:00 am Mass

## SATURDAY, MAY 27

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 28

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

**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.

**THANK YOU!** To everyone who volunteered to help at or prepare deserts for the Emmaus meal this past Saturday. A total of 52 meals were served to those in need.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** The 50th anniversary of Father Bob Lotz's ordination to the priesthood is on May 24. Congratulations and may God reward and bless you, Father Bob!



During this 4k-Grade 6 Religious Education Spring-interim, SEEDs Program students are learning about a new Saint each week. This past Wednesday students learned about St. Isidore the Farmer, patron of all farmers. They spent time planting flowers beneath the St. John Evangelist signboard in the front of the church on Valley Road. In addition, they surprised Fr. Schmeckel with some colorful

geraniums that they placed and planted near the front entrance to his home. At the end of class students left with a packet of vegetable seeds to take home and plant there. Our final class is Wednesday, May 24th and our featured Saint will be St. Kateri Tekakwitha.

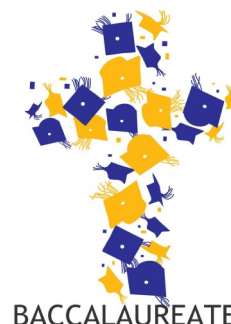
## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

**CONGRATULATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:** The 2023 high school graduates and their parents were invited to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9:00 am on Sunday, May 20 and were then served a breakfast hosted by the junior class parents. In your academic endeavors, we pray that you have progressed in your Catholic faith-life and that your focus is always on answering God's call for your motivation, guidance, and strength. We, the parishioners and staff of St. John Evangelist Parish, offer our sincerest congratulations on this momentous occasion and wish you continued success in your future endeavors.



William A.  
George B.  
Elle B.  
Amber E.  
Fisher F.  
Claudia H.  
McKenna H.  
Lauren J.

Norah J.  
Wyatt K.  
Madelyn M.  
Jalen P.  
Elyse R.  
Abigail R.  
Olivia S.  
Sebastian S.



**PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT:** Nominations are now being accepted for three-year terms. You may nominate yourself and/or other parishioners. Nomination forms can be found on the table in the gathering space or can be downloaded from our website. You can also email any names to [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org). Peter Bustos, Tracy Kissel, and Bridgitt Zielke are completing their first term and can be chosen for a second term. There are also 2 additional 2 spots open. All names must be in the Parish Office by **Friday, June 2** at noon. Nominees will be asked to consider participating in the discernment process for membership on the Pastoral Council. This will be held on **Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 pm**



**ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** **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](https://archmil.regfox.com/archdiocesan-eucharistic-congress?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website&utm_source=sendgrid)





## Five-Year Pledges

Most families can make their best pledges payable over time, rather than one-time gifts.

### Frequently Asked Questions about Pledges:

#### **Who is being asked to pledge to the Love One Another Campaign?**

All households in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be asked to prayerfully consider a five-year commitment.

#### **Why does the campaign request five-year pledges?**

Pledges payable over five years allow families to budget their contributions in monthly or annual payments. Most of us can make larger commitments over time than we might be able to all-at-once. Five-year pledges help ensure we can meet our parish's campaign goal and fund the needs of the parish and important Catholic ministries in our 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin.

#### **When do pledge payments begin?**

Each family determines the timing and frequency of their pledge payments and how payments are made.



*Through much prayer, planning, and conversation, we have identified our greatest needs and initiatives to strengthen our mission and vision for years to come. Our share of the funds raised will be used to live out our mission, enhancing adult faith formation and addressing capital improvements*

**Updated on 5/17/23**  
**Parish Goal: 429,405**  
**Total Pledged: \$327,925**  
**Percent Goal Pledged: 76%**  
**Number Pledges: 33**  
**Average Pledge: \$9,937**

### **CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for your blessings in our life.

We praise you for your goodness and generosity.

Help us to live as stewards of your grace and love that through prayerful work and sacrifice we may bring your love to our families, parish, and community.

We humbly pray for strength and fortitude to follow your great commission: to go make disciples of all people, living our faith through word and deed.

Inspire in your people generous hearts to strengthen the mission of our parish, to serve those in need, to support vocations, and to educate our children through the Love One Another Campaign.

Guide us in this important campaign, watch over our efforts to help build your Kingdom here on Earth, and give us joy in serving You and Your Church now and forever.

Amen.



**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 – Loge 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](mailto:cwjennings9@gmail.com) or Parish Office 920-452-9623, [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto: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.



**BY DOING SERVICE FOR OTHERS,  
WE DO SERVICE TO GOD.**

**At Home Mission Week**

Youth and adults from Sheboygan County Parishes working together to provide service to our neighbors in need.

**Work Dates June 12<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Types of projects we will consider,**

Yard clean up

Small landscape projects (weeding and mulching)

Washing windows

Small painting jobs

Minimal home repairs if safe and **approved by the committee.**

**Services are intended for those who can no longer perform these home management tasks independently.**

The number of jobs along with types of jobs accepted depends on the number of volunteers involved. **Please note that we are not professionals. We are caring adults and students serving God.**

If we can be of service to you or someone you know who can no longer manage home care tasks, please contact Lisa Gross **at Blessed Trinity Parish.**

Phone 920 – 467 – 4616 **ext. 318** / or email [lisa@btsje.org](mailto:lisa@btsje.org)



**SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER FOR  
INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET INVOLVED.**



## **BY DOING SERVICE FOR OTHERS, WE DO SERVICE TO GOD.**

### **Volunteers are needed.**

We are currently looking for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older, along with adult help. We are also looking for families who might be willing to complete a job as a family service project. Other service organizations are more than welcome.

**Work Dates June 12<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

Typical days are 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Volunteers can serve and are greatly appreciated for any number of hours fitting into their schedule (***work one day or one week***). Base camp is Blessed Trinity in Sheboygan Falls.

If you wish to serve your community with us, or gather more information please contact Lisa Gross at Blessed Trinity Parish.

Phone 920 – 467 – 4616 ext. 318 / or email [lisa@btsje.org](mailto:lisa@btsje.org)

Catholic Parish Adults working with students must complete a background check along with “The Safe Environment Training” through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

**\*Family projects and other organizations do not need adults with Safe Environment Certification.**



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AND TYPES OF SERVICES OFFERED.**

# The Catholic Life Center

**Mission:** "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls

Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and

Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



[www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC](http://www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC)

June 2023



**COVID Update:** Masks are optional.

Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

## June Faith-Based Programs



**Wednesday, June 7**

**Walking in the Steps of St. Francis and St. Clare** by Susan Vavra. Learn about these fascinating Saints with us. 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-Meeting Room

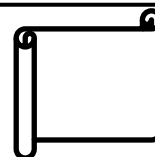
**Thursday, June 22**

**Catholicism: The Pivotal Players** by Bishop Robert Barron, **St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic**, 10:00-11:15, CLC-Meeting Room

**\*\*Register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**



**Jazz Dinner Cruise on Lake Geneva on September 8**  
See April 30th bulletin or CLC website page above for details.



## Blessed Trinity Community Garden

We will be planting a small garden in the old playground area. If you are willing to help plant and weed, please contact Mary Waitkus at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 or John O'Dell at 920-467-4616, Ext. 315.



## Health and Wellness Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am CLC-Meeting Room

**May 30**

-“Celebrate Summer” Coffee Social

**June 6**

-Principals of Life Insurance, Annuities and Funeral Trusts presented by Bill Rutten from Better Life

**June 13**

-Three Easy Projects to Do with Children

Learn how to make three easy projects you can do with your children/grandchildren. You may come with or without the children, but registration is required. See below.

**June 20**

-Boys and Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County

Michelle Schommer, Unit Director, will tell us about programs offered and volunteer opportunities

**June 27**

-Health and Wellness Discussion: **How to Prepare for a Better Doctor's Appointment**

**\*Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.**





## First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee will resume after Labor Day.

## Adult Walking Program

Our adult walking program is on hold until after Labor Day due to the heat in the gym in the summer. Enjoy the outdoors this summer!



## Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Sister Act I*

In this musical comedy, a nightclub singer hides from the mob in a convent. When the convent choir becomes a soulful chorus with her training and they become celebrities, her identity is in jeopardy.

Wednesday, June 14 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room



Starring  
Whoopi  
Goldberg



## BT/SJE Senior Singles 55+

Are you over 55 and want to socialize with like-situated individuals?



Join us for a **Potluck Social and Game Night** after 4 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity in the CLC Meeting Room on **Saturday, June 3**. First-time attendees and group members are all welcome! Bring a dish to share, and a favorite board game if you wish. The CLC door will be open at 3:00 to 3:45 pm to receive your food.

Please register with Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 by June 1.

We are also meeting for **Brunch at Falls Café** at 10:30 am on Thursday, June 29.

Please register with Patty Daun at [pattydaun60@gmail.com](mailto:pattydaun60@gmail.com) or 920-207-9023 by June 22.



## Summer Potluck Picnic with Games

Thursday, June 8, 12:00-2:00 pm at the CLC

Sign up in the Catholic Life Center to let us know you are coming and what you are bringing or contact Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org) or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

You are also welcome to bring your favorite lawn game.

## Volunteer for the Catholic Life Center on June 1, July 6, August 3

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Are you good at organizing, are you creative or do you just like to help?

We are reorganizing the Catholic Life Center books and cards this summer. We are also redoing bulletin boards and need your help. Join us for one of these dates or let us know when you are available. Contact Mary at [maryw@btsje.org](mailto:maryw@btsje.org).



## Enrich Your Sunday

First and Third Sundays of the Month

After 9:00 am Mass, 10:15-11:00 am, SJE – will resume on September 17



# Dear Padre,

## Why should I be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1). *Prophet* is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.” In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.***

**HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019**

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

#### MONDAY

May 22  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1–8  
Jn 16:29–33

#### TUESDAY

May 23  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:17–27  
Jn 17:1–11a

#### WEDNESDAY

May 24  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28–38  
Jn 17:11b–19

#### THURSDAY

May 25  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11  
Jn 17:20–26

#### FRIDAY

May 26  
St. Philip Neri, Priest  
Acts 25:13b–21  
Jn 21:15–19

#### SATURDAY

May 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31  
Jn 21:20–25

#### SUNDAY

May 28  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1–11  
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13  
Jn 20:19–23