

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 3, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 2	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Dennis Fleisner by Jim & Sandy Jordan, †Claude & Verdayne Meyer by Lynn Erbstoesser
Saturday	April 2	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Geraldine Marie Everly by Tom & Rita Gast
Sunday	April 3	St. John's	9:00 am	†Ruth LaCroix by Family
Sunday	April 3	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	April 5	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Mike & Ann Scheibl
Wednesday	April 6	St. John's	7:00 am	†Richard Lorenz by Family
Thursday	April 7	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Murray & Caroline Lindsay by Donna Plageman
Friday	April 8	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dennis Dohms by Chuck & Myrna Frederickson
Friday	April 8	Pine Haven	9:30 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser
Friday	April 8	Blessed Trinity	1:00 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Friday	April 8	St. John's	5:15 pm	[Stations of the Cross]
Saturday	April 9	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Lori Pribek by Mom & Dad
Saturday	April 9	St. John's	5:30 pm	For the Living and Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	April 10	St. John's	8:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 10	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Nora Salata by Cathy Pearce, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher



PALM SUNDAY: Palm Sunday Mass at St. John Evangelist will begin at **8:30 am** Sunday, April 10 due to the length of Mass with reading of the Passion. Palms will be distributed and available until noon on Holy Thursday.

FINANCIAL: MARCH 26/27: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$8,030.90.



NEW THIS YEAR – FOUR ADDED WEEKS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

BEFORE SUMMER VACATION

.....REGISTER NOW FOR THE OPTIONAL SPRING “SEEDS” PROGRAM.....

Families are invited to enroll children in a SPECIAL 4 week After School Faith Formation (Religious Education) Program to celebrate the coming of Spring. This program called “SEEDS: Faith-Friendship-Service” is an ADDED opportunity for students to learn about, live, and share their Catholic Faith.

WHO: For children who are currently in Grades K4 through Grade 6 who want to spend time before the end of the school year doing Catholic Faith related activities here at St. John Evangelist Parish after-school on Wednesday afternoons.

WHAT: An added opportunity to participate in Catholic Faith related after-school activities before the start of the busy summer vacation time.

WHERE: In the St. John Evangelist Church, Religious Education Classrooms and Church Hall area.

WHEN: During the 4 Wednesdays of May - May 4, 11, 18, 25 from 3:30 PM until 4:45 PM.

WHAT: Multi-age, Faith Formation experiences, that will emphasize Faith and Friendship and will include weekly Service project/s. Themes will be based on important people in the New Testament:

Week 1 – Jesus

Week 2 – Mary, the mother of Jesus

Week 3 – Joseph, the father of Jesus here on earth

Week 4 – St John Evangelist, a friend of Jesus (patron saint of our parish)

(TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED)

Student Registration begins on April 6, 2022. Registration forms will be provided.

A \$20 donation for supplies and materials is suggested. Maximum - \$40 per family.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jeanne Bitkers

jeanne@btsje.org 920-452-9623 Ext: 220.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 9.

APRIL WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Leo & Kathryn Schleicher & Brian by Katchkey Family.


 An illustration of a wine bottle with a label, a glass of red wine, and a bunch of grapes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:



On this 5th Sunday of Lent, the Church transitions to reading from the Gospel of St. John. Today we hear the story from John 8:1-11 of the woman caught in adultery, which at Jesus' time was punishable by stoning (Lev. 20:10 and Deut. 22:22-24). Again, we see the compassion and mercy of Jesus as He challenges the accusers and onlookers who have no sin, to throw the first stone. Indeed, the Pharisees and the scribes not only brought the woman to trial, but Jesus as well. They were always on the lookout to trap and thereby punish Jesus. Why? Because He upset the status quo. How often are we quick to judge others and question Jesus? When St. Mother Teresa would meet dictators and other world leaders to ask permission for her Missionaries of Charity to serve in their countries, people around her were always curious to know how they treated her. She would always reply, "if I judge, I have less time to love." Perhaps during these final days of Lent, we can make an effort to love more and judge less. St. Paul in 1Cor15:8-10 writes about himself, "there but for the grace of God, go I." Lent is a perfect time to reflect on our behavior and taking it one day at a time, strive to empty and detach ourselves from sin, vice and bad habits, so we can create space, for God to rush in and fill it.

Our Religious Education classes resume this Wednesday, April 6 from 6:45-8:00 pm, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being offered to all of our 7-12 grade Students. Families are welcome to come as well. There is also a Countywide Day of Reconciliation on Tues., April 5 from 8:00 am-8:00 pm at St. Peter Claver Church, 1439 S. 12th St., Sheboygan. Please try to go to this great Sacrament of healing and divine mercy. It is another opportunity to encounter the compassion of Jesus that we read about in today's Gospel. He is waiting there for each and every one of us. Do not be afraid. See you at Mass!

~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsje.org

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:



Training will take place on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:15 pm for any Fourth Grade or older students who were unable to attend one of the previous Sunday training sessions. Please meet in the front of church near the main altar.

FOOD PANTRY: Please bring your non perishable food items to the multipurpose room by **Sunday, April 3.** They are in need of pork & beans, kidney beans and Manwich original. Donations will be delivered to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry on **Monday, April 4 by 9:30 am** by Matt & Jennifer Walton.

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF APRIL 2/3 & APRIL 9/10

MASSES	Saturday, April 3, 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 4, 9:00 am	Saturday, April 9, 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 10, 8:30 am
Lector	Cate Smith	Steve O'Neil	Cate Smith Susan Vavra	Norah Justinger Steve O'Neil
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Mel Free		Ken Udovich
Ushers	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	John Debrauske Jim Sarafin	Mel Free Kevin Smith	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi

LENTEN INFORMATION

REVELATION 2:4: *"Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first."*

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY: Saturday, April 9 4:00 pm Blessed Trinity 5:30 pm St. John's
 Sunday, April 10 **8:30 am St. John's** 10:30 am Blessed Trinity

HOLY THURSDAY: Thursday, April 14 7:00 pm St. John's

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, April 15 1:30 pm St. John's 1:30 pm Blessed Trinity

HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL: Saturday, April 16 8:00 pm Blessed Trinity

EASTER SUNDAY: Sunday, April 17 7:30 & 9:00 am St. John's 10:30 am Blessed Trinity

 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Takes place on Fridays during Lent at 5:15 pm.
Friday, April 8: Georgiana & Bill McGinnis

Pray, Reconcile and Rejoice Lenten Day of Reconciliation

On: Tuesday, April 5, 2022

8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

At: St. Peter Claver Parish

1439 South 12th Street

Please use the Parking Lot doors

to enter the Church.

Multiple priests will be on hand throughout the day to hear Confessions.



LIVING WITH CHRIST: The edition of "Living with Christ" for Palm Sunday and Holy week is available on a table in the Gathering Space. Copies of the April edition are also available.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Molly May, daughter of Matthew and Olivia Zeman, was Baptized at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, March 26. Please keep Molly and her family in your prayers.



Letter of Appreciation

Ukraine/Russia Consecration & Men of Christ Conference

I would like to thank everyone at Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes for their assistance with the Friday night Consecration Prayers for Ukraine/Russia and the Men Of Christ Conference on Saturday morning. Both celebrations were well attended and I'm sure the prayers will bear fruit.

Thank you, Fr. Joe, for welcoming Fr. Zach Weber back to his home parishes with an opportunity to pray with us. Fr. Zach led us with Mass on Friday night, followed by Benediction and a Scriptural Rosary as we joined the entire Catholic Church and our Holy Father in the Consecrating Prayers for Russia and Ukraine to Mary's Immaculate Heart.



On Saturday morning, Dan Guell led us with the Patriotic Rosary. Fr. Zach, Fr. Joe, and Fr. Dick heard Confessions. Fr. Zach then celebrated Mass, Benediction, and Adoration. Tim Woodworth projected the Live-Stream Presentation from the Archdiocese. Our That Man Is You men, along with the Knights of Columbus and all of our committees, made the weekend run smoothly. We're confident that the Holy Spirit opened many hearts and increased faith in Christ. Special thanks to Mary Waitkus, Tom Jens, and all the wives who supported us with breakfast and lunch. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this possible. Please know that we are so very grateful for everyone's help in making this event a success. Fr. Zach concluded his stay by celebrating Mass and a Baptism at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday night.

It's so awesome to reflect on the countless parish prayers and sacrifices which have produced such wonderful priests as Fr. Joe, Fr. Dick, and our very own, Fr. Zach Weber and Fr. Matt Widder. These faithful men, along with your prayers, continue to make such a powerful impact, not only in Sheboygan County, but in Oshkosh, Milwaukee, and beyond. Let's all keep praying for even more vocations.

Praise God!
Mark Weber, TMIY



TIME & TALENT SURVEY: Please return your completed Time & Talent Surveys to the marked box on the table in the Gathering Space. Surveys may also be completed online at: <https://forms.gle/DJy9hQ1T7QrNZbhb6> Indicate what you already do for the parish, and identify any new ways you're interested in serving in the future. All parishioners 12 and older are encouraged to complete an individual survey. Tom Reilly will be reaching out to adult parishioners who do not return a survey in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has already responded.

FLOCKNOTE: In Spring 2021, St John's began using Flocknote to coordinate communication to our parishioners. We have been using Flocknote for parish-wide events announcements, and now committees will be encouraged to use it for communication as well. Flocknote lets committee chairs

- Send texts and emails to their group members.
- Stores all communication in one location.
- Allows people to respond to messages through Flocknote, which eliminates the need for multiple "reply all emails".
- Easily find member contact information.

Most parishioners do not need to learn how to access Flocknote, but if you are a committee chair and want to learn more about using Flocknote communication to build your group, please contact Julia Rodemeier julia.rodemeier@gmail.com. If you haven't received any Flocknote emails or texts, remember to check spam folders. Or contact Gretchen Free stjohnnev@btsje.org to ensure your contact information is correct.

~Julia Rodemeier, Pastoral Council Member

FRESH MEALS ON WHEELS NEED

HELP: The need for meals for our elderly, disabled and homebound neighbors throughout all of Sheboygan County has increased by 30%. We are hoping that you, or a team that you would be apart of, would be willing to manage a route delivery in the Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, Kohler and Howards Grove areas each week. The meals would be hot and ready to be picked up in their containers at 11:10 a.m. from the Fresh Meals on Wheels location in Sheboygan. Routes take less than an hour to complete. Please contact: Joanna Klemme, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator , at 920-451-7011 for more information or to sign up.



Catholic Life Center Mother's Day Service Project:

Help us collect small gifts to assemble 30 gift bags for mothers at Mary's Room. We are in need of small gift bags, tissue paper, candy, socks, decorative pens, small toiletries, etc. to help brighten a Mother's Day. Please deliver new, unused items to the CLC, or place in the bin in the Gathering Space by **Sunday, April 10**. We will assemble the bags at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 19 in the CLC-MR. Please call Mary at 467-4616, ext. 314 with any questions.



Catholic Women's Charity Club (CWCC): Meeting and "Raffle Party" is Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM at St. Peter Claver Church - Van Treeck Hall. Following the business meeting, a dessert social along with raffle ticket drawing will take place. Raffle tickets from the 2020 Card Party, that was cancelled, will also be in the drawings. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase starting at 12:30 PM. You need not be present to win. Guests and women interested in joining the club are welcome to attend. For further information regarding CWCC check out our web page: <http://catholicwomenscharityclub.weebly.com> or contact Membership Chairperson, Jane (920.918.7955) or any member. Members in need of a ride can contact Virginia (783-8249), Mary (467-9679), or Mary (458-5297).

PERUVIAN ITEMS FOR SALE: Monica & Tony Schmidt, parents of the Peruvian Missionaries, will have some Peruvian items to sell after the 4:00 pm Mass at Blessed Trinity and 9:00 am Mass at St. John Evangelist. Smaller items \$5 or \$10 and some Peruvian scarves at \$25.

HUMAN CONCERNS/SOCIAL JUSTICE - ANNUAL LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM MARCH 2 - APRIL 17, 2022



“Jesus said to them, “Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16: 15)

**SPONSORED BY: St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns Commission-
Social Justice Committee Blessed Trinity Parish Human Concerns Committee**

Servants of the Good Help Mission – Peru, a 501c3 non-profit organization, reaches out in many ways to serve the needs of adults and children in a third world country – Peru.

Today's gospel is a challenging one (John 8:1-11). Jesus went up to the Mount of Olives to pray - a quiet time to commune with His Father. But people knew that He was there, and this was the time for the scribes and Pharisees to trap him - for they were not there to pray - but to challenge Him. They were certain that they had Him this time: 'a woman who had been caught in adultery.' They reminded Jesus that Moses commanded us to stone such women - this was their way of demanding an answer from Jesus. Can't you see the humble, mild Jesus bending down and writing on the ground - and the accusers went away 'one by one.' Their hearts may have been softened and perhaps some of them reached out to help this woman who they had accused as being a sinner. Maybe some just went away quietly with no change in their behaviors, attitudes, and/or beliefs - or screaming and hollering as they left angrily.

But for Jesus, the Mount of Olives was a place where He found solace and is only mentioned twice in the gospels: here and the Passion narrative. It was outside the gates of the city, beyond its busyness and din ... Jesus must have felt close to God within this natural setting.

Perhaps this is what Taylor and Katie Schmidt and their seven children are finding at the Servants of the Good Help Mission in Peru. In the quietness of their hearts, even though there are challenges, they have found their Mount of Olives, just as Jesus found His place outside the gates of the city. To date, your donations to the 2022 Annual Lenten Program for the Servants of the Good Help Mission in Peru have been outstanding. All donations that are received from Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes will be donated to provide meals and clean water for the approximately two hundred children who can attend school. ~John Egan, Human Concerns Committee

AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE: \$8,305.00

Please make checks payable to St. John Evangelist Parish or Blessed Trinity Parish

PRIEST PLACEMENT PROCESS:



"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" Ecclesiastics 3:1

In February, Fr. Joe announced he will be leaving Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes this June. As we pray for Fr. Joe and his search for a new parish, we also pray for our parish communities as we progress through the Pastoral transition process. In keeping with Catholic Church procedures, the next pastor/parish director will be assigned to our parish by Archbishop ListECKi. Prior to that assignment by the Archbishop, a process occurs which includes prayerful discernment and consultation with the Priest Placement Board.

Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Pastoral Councils are working together with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to determine the best leader to replace Fr. Joe. This process started in March 2022 when Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Pastoral Transition Teams were formed and began drafting a Parish Profile for each parish. This profile includes information such as our historical statistics on membership and finances, ministry activity, special attributes of our parish as well as long-range goals and plans. The profile will be shared with prospective pastors/parish directors to provide them with information about each of the parishes.

On March 24, 2022, the Pastoral Councils, Finance Councils and Staff of both parishes met with Brenda Cline, who is a member of the Priest Placement Board and the Manager of Priest and Lay Ecclesial Personnel and Placement for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Brenda conducted a session where she shared the Archdiocesan statistics on the number of priests and parish directors who are retiring, the number of priests and parish directors who need reassignment and the number of parish openings. Those in attendance used a questionnaire to generate additional ideas for our parish profiles; the profile has been edited using these ideas and the final profile was emailed to Brenda Cline the week of March 28, 2022.

In the next few weeks, the priests/parish directors apply to the Priest Placement Board for a specific reassignment and the Priest Placement Board begins the process of dialoging with the priests/parish directors about their assignment choices. Following these discussions, the Priest Placement Board will make its recommendations to Archbishop ListECKi. The Archbishop will then determine discern the best leader for our parishes.

In May, priests/parish directors will receive their new appointments from Archbishop ListECKi. We hope to learn about our new pastor/parish director in mid to late May. Full transition is expected to be complete by the third week of June 2022 and new assignments are officially effective on the first of July 2022. Please pray for those involved in the placement process and for the priests and parish directors who will be transitioning.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Hasler, Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council Chairperson.

Dear Padre,

If God is so forgiving, why can't I just ask for his forgiveness directly? Why do I need to go to confession and ask a man, a priest, to have my sins forgiven?

It's ironic that some claim a man cannot forgive sins. That same accusation was leveled against Jesus himself when he forgave the paralyzed man (see Mark 2:5–7). But Jesus clearly told his apostles they were to be instruments of his forgiveness. When he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection he said: “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23).

James the Apostle also endorses the concept of humans administering God's forgiveness: “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed” (James 5:16).



Baptism, another sacrament administered by a person, starts our discipleship with Jesus. It cleanses us of all sin—including original sin. But even as Jesus' disciples, we are sometimes unfaithful and need to ask forgiveness. It's not surprising, then, that Jesus has given us another sacrament—again administered by a person—for the forgiveness of sins after baptism: the sacrament of reconciliation.

God is forgiving—so forgiving that when people killed Jesus, his Son, he did not punish and destroy the world. Rather, he used the death of Jesus to demonstrate just how patient and forgiving he is. Our gravest sins—murder, adultery, a life lived apart from God—require the intervention of the sacrament of penance. But even confessing smaller sins is useful. If nothing else, it keeps us humble enough to remember that all of us need forgiveness because all of us sin.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Going to confess is not like going to the dry cleaner's to have a stain removed....If there is no love in the sacrament, it is not as Jesus wishes it to be. If it is functional, it is not how Jesus wants it to be. Love....toward the brother and the sister who are forgiven sinners. This is the fundamental relationship.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 12, 2021



Calendar

Monday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:12–20

Tuesday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

APRIL 10

*Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion*
Lk 19:28–40
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Lk 22:14–23:56
or 23:1–49