

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



**APRIL 17, 2022 EASTER SUNDAY**

## 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 16	Blessed Trinity	8:00 pm	†Joe Ehren by Ken Schmeling, †Thomas, Mary, & Jerome Buechler by Mary Klover
Saturday	April 17	St. John's	7:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 17	St. John's	9:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy and Family
Sunday	April 17	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Clara Weyker & Rosie Reiter by John & Lisa Reiter, †Virginia Rammer by LuAnn Immel & Rick Rammer
Tuesday	April 19	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Brian Woveras by Family
Wednesday	April 20	St. John's	<b>5:15 pm</b>	Special Intention for Religious Education students, their families and Catechists
Thursday	April 21	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Paul Van Treeck by David & Nancy Schleicher
Friday	April 22	St. John's	7:00 am	†Helen Cavanagh by Carol Grover
Saturday	April 23	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family, †Patricia Makoutz by Makoutz Family
Saturday	April 23	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	April 24	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 24	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family, †Lorraine Mata Klich & Jimmy Klich by Family

THE STONE HAD BEEN

**ROLLED AWAY**

(JOHN 20:1)



## IMPORTANT MASS TIME UPDATES:

- † Due to the Year End Family Mass, there will be **NO 7:00 am Mass on Wednesday, April 20.**
- † The **Saturday, April 30** Mass has been moved to **5:00 pm** to accommodate Bingo Night.

## Easter Blessings...

In the Brightness of Easter, we celebrate the fact that Jesus was not only willing to suffer and die on the cross for us, but more importantly that He conquered death, rose to new life, and comes to us this day, and every day, with the promise of eternal life.



Our Easter season lasts for fifty days, and during this time as the weather gets warmer, we see new life all around. As the days grow longer and we enjoy more hours of daylight, we are reminded of the fact that Jesus was, and is, our Light of the World. During the Easter season, He died on the cross for us, rose from the dead, and gives us the gift of peace....and we are grateful for this and for so many other things

We give special thanks during this Easter Season for all of our Parish Religious Education Teachers/ Catechists who have been working with our children throughout this year, to the parents of these students who are their first and most important teachers, and to others who have provided support and helped to share our Catholic Faith with children and teens of our St. John Evangelist Parish.

May the Blessings of Easter be with all as we celebrate the Joy of the Resurrection.

-Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6

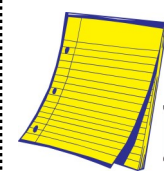
**YEAR END FAMILY MASS:** There will be a special year end Family Mass at 5:15 pm on Wednesday, April 20. All parishioners are welcome.

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



**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 23.

## IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS INFORMATION:



**Take Note!**

On **Wednesday, April 20**, **ALL** students 4K - Grade 11 will meet at **4:00 pm** for class. Students in Grades 7 - 11 will assemble in the church hall. Students in 4K - Grade 6 will meet as usual. All students are then encouraged to join the rest of their family and attend the special **5:15 pm** End-of-Year Mass at St. John's. **There will be NO CLASS for Grades 7 - 11 that day from 6:45 - 8:00 pm.** If your Grade 7 - 11 child cannot attend class at 4:00 pm, please contact Teresa Bettag at [teresab@btsje.org](mailto:teresab@btsje.org).



**FAITH FORMATION SEEDS INTERIM PROGRAM:** More information and registration forms went home this Wednesday for the Faith Formation "Seeds" Interim program that will begin on Wednesday, May 4 from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. All children in grades 4K to 6 are invited to attend this four week program that will focus on Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, our patron saint. Children in grades 7 - 12 are encouraged to volunteer to help out at these sessions. Any questions? Please contact Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K- Grade 6 at [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:



Happy Easter from all of us at 7-12 grade Religious Education!! Today we pray and praise with thanks and great JOY, "Christ is Risen!" After 40 days of Lent, we sing again "Alleluia." This Greek word actually is derived from the Hebrew "Hallelujah" which literally means "praise God." Why all of the exuberance? Because the resurrection of Jesus changes EVERYTHING! If Jesus only lived on in spirit, he would be one of a thousand dead heroes. But He lives on in flesh and bones and so His resurrection from the dead defeated death, sin and the devil. What He did with his own grave, He promises to do with ours....empty it! This is precisely why we gather every Sunday for Mass and to celebrate the Eucharist, because every Sunday is a mini-Easter. Our risen Lord is truly present at every Mass and the Eucharist is truly "the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ." How can we not desire to come to Mass? Just like Mary Magdalene, let's go and look for the Lord and when we find Him (and we will), then we too, will go in haste to tell others this "good news." So seek the Lord today and tomorrow and for your whole life, then your Easter joy will have eternal, unending "hallelujahs!" See you at Mass.

**HOLY WATER:** Bottles of the Holy Water, that was blessed at the Easter Vigil, will be available at the church entrances beginning Easter Sunday. You are invited to take one of them home with you. Holy water is a sacramental that reminds us of our relationship with God and enables us to act in accordance with God's will. There are 2 sizes available. Please take one per family.

**ROSARY LEADERS:** Since the month of May is the month of Mary, the rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior to weekend Masses beginning the weekend of May 7/8. Please contact Rich Tauferner at 920-918-5066 if you are willing to lead the rosary before one or more Masses.

## FINANCIALS

(JULY 2021 - MARCH 31, 2022):

	Actual	Budget
Spendable Income	\$212,791.22	\$260,665.53
Expenses	248,099.45 (35,308.23)	236,726.51 23,939.02

**FINANCIAL: APRIL 9/10** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,713.39.

## LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF EASTER SUNDAY & APRIL 23/24

MASSES	Easter Sunday April 17, 7:30 am	Easter Sunday, April 17, 9:00 am	Saturday, April 23, 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 24, 9:00 am
Lector	Erin Meyer	Charlotte & Shannon Bullard	Angela Bustos	Melanie Pellegrino
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey	Susan Vavra		Clyde & Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Aaron Justinger Volunteer	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Carson Bishop
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

Hi Everyone,

Happy Easter! May the Peace and Joy of the Risen Lord be your gift all through your lives.



After prayerfully and reflectively spending the Lenten days, we are gifted with the promise of Eternal life and hope. May whatever we do be blessed by the freshness of the New Life and hope given by the Risen Lord. Like Mary Magdalene, let us be ambassadors spreading the hope all around us.

Blessings,

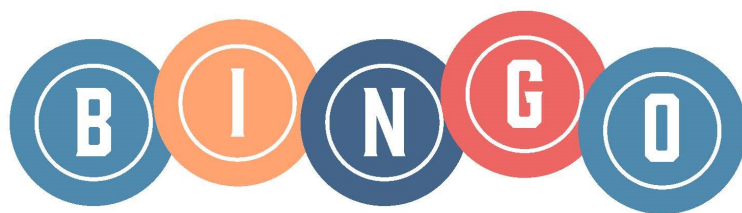
Fr. Joe

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Thank you to all the leaders of Stations of the Cross this Lenten Season: Teresa Bettag, Olivia S., Ken Udovich, Julia Rodemeier, Steve O'Neil, and Georgiana & Bill McGinnis.

### Pope Francis Wants Your Opinion!

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in a worldwide Synod, or consultation process. Lend your voice to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's response to Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality! What would you like the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Pope Francis to know? Visit <https://www.archmil.org/About-us/Synod/Synodality.htm>, or <https://tinyurl.com/5n6z4547> and share your thoughts.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM WITH OUR  
FIRST GAME AT 6:30

**KOHLER'S ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH**  
LOWER LEVEL  
600 GREEN TREE ROAD

**COME TO A GAME EVERYONE CAN PLAY. IT'S FUN FOR  
ADULTS, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.**

**GET YOUR FREE BINGO CARD AND PLAY ALL NIGHT.**  
**JIMMY JOHN'S SUBS, WINE, BEER, SODA AND OTHER  
NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS. ALONG WITH CANDY AND BAKED GOODS  
AVAILABLE AT OUR CASH STATIONS.**  
**FREE POPCORN!**

**THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS... WITHOUT WHOM THIS NIGHT  
WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.**

AARON & LYNN JUSTINGER  
BAKERS OF ST. JOHN'S  
BROADWAY POPCORN  
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DIANE TORKE  
JIM SARAFIN  
JIM & JULIE RUMMEL  
JIM & TONI SARAFIN

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



**“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb... They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him.” (John 20:1-9; Luke 24:1-12)**

**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.

More than likely, many of us have been present for all or part of the Holy Week Triduum, and/or the joy of the Easter Morning Mass celebrations. There is a quieting of our inner selves – for we believe that the Divine Master has historically reminded us once again that He has borne the cruelest death possible for our salvation. Yet, it is good that we can share in the joy of His resurrection – for the guilt of our shortcomings and the dysfunctionalities of the world would be too horrendous for us to desire a continuation of living.

The Holy Saturday Vigil begins with the Spirit of God sweeping across the waters. Redemption has begun – but the discordant drama plays out in our everyday lives. The drama is not yet fulfilled – we do not have to look too far for the Ukraine's and other war-torn segments of God's creation. The tomb is truly empty, the light has broken in ... yet the 'in-between' reality of our lives can be quite dismal. In our emptiness, we still search for that crucified Body – yet we believe that the JESUS has died and returned to His heavenly Father. 'HE IS STILL WITH US.' Being human, we will need reminders throughout the year that 'the Stone has been removed from the Tomb, and we do not know where they have put Him.'

- Sincere thanks for your donations to date. It is heartwarming to see how generous our two parishes continue to be. All donations received from Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes will be donated to the Servants of the Good Help Mission in Peru to supply meals for the approximately two hundred children who can attend school.

**AMOUNT RECEIVED TO DATE: \$12,600.00**

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

**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.



## EASTER 2022

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through  
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

– 1 Peter 1:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come together this Easter, it gives me great pleasure to once again proclaim for all to hear: *Alleluia! He is Risen!* Our churches are open, most restrictions are removed and there is nothing separating us (physically) from the sacraments. We are back!

I am so grateful to God that we have turned the corner, and it appears the world is getting past the COVID pandemic. Looking back at this time two years ago, we made the decision to close our churches to public Mass and the sacraments as we fought to overcome the unknown virus. It was one of the hardest decisions we as a Church ever had to make, and one I hope will never happen again. We need to be in communion with God and each other at Mass, as we are called to fully embrace the Gift of Sunday in our lives.

I ask you, my dear brothers and sisters, how will you take what you experienced these last two years, and apply it to your life moving forward? Will you continue to grow in your love for God and one another by attending Mass more reverently, praying more consistently, and experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often? Will you offer personal sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, and make a commitment to attend daily Mass and say the rosary as often as possible? Will you keep your eyes on Jesus as you strive toward your heavenly reward? To all of these and more, I say yes!

This Easter and beyond, I invite you to come to Mass and experience the Lord's unending love for you. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and feel at peace. God loves you and wants to be in communion with you – will you answer His call?

With a heart full of gratitude for your faithfulness, I am,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Jerome E. Listcki*

Archbishop Jerome E. Listcki



# Dear Padre,

**The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?**

**J**esus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39–40, 42–43).

When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Mt 28:8–15

### Tuesday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

### Wednesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

### Thursday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

### Friday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:1–12

Jn 21:1–14

### Saturday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

### Sunday

APRIL 24

Second Sunday of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12–16

Rv 1:9–11a, 12–13,

17–19

Jn 20:19–31

**Do you have  
a question for  
the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)  
to send your question  
and to learn more  
about Dear Padre.