

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 24, 2022 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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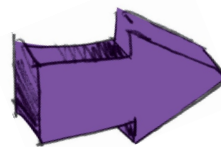
- 1. Join the Parish**
- 2. Schedule a Baptism**
- 3. Schedule a Mass Intention**
- 4. Any other questions or concerns**

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Tuesday	April 26	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Deceased Family Members of the Jens Family by Pauline Jens
Wednesday	April 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Ed Mauer by Judy and Family
Thursday	April 28	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Irene Davis by David & Nancy Schleicher
Friday	April 29	St. John's	7:00 am	†Stanley Perzewski by Friends and Family
Saturday	April 30	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lucille Micolczyk, †Marvin Senkbeil by Dennis & Dianne Gatzke
Saturday	April 30	St. John's	5:00 pm	†Sue Madigan
Sunday	May 1	St. John's	9:00 am	For the First Communion Students
Sunday	May 1	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



"Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20:22



IMPORTANT MASS TIME CHANGE:

† The **Saturday, April 30** Mass has been moved to **5:00 pm** to accommodate Bingo Night.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 30.



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

Caring for Children- Providing a Safe Environment



Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment, and this Safe Environment Week (April 25-30, 2022) is an opportunity to consider the role we can all play in caring for children. Here are some ways parents, grandparents and all adults can help children feel safe and secure as they live, learn, play, and grow.

- Take turns talking and listening. It can be interesting and sometimes fun to know what everyone is thinking.
- Spend time together. You don't always have to do things that cost money. Go for walks. Read together. Cook together. Visit parks, nature centers, libraries, museums, churches, or socialize with friends outdoors.
- Show respect even when you disagree. There is a right way and a wrong way to settle a fight. Teach children that hitting each other and using hurtful words is always wrong.
- Instead of dreading chores make a game of it. See who can finish first or whose room is cleanest.
- Play together. This doesn't have to mean a video or board game. You can make a game out of anything. How about playing I Spy, Tic Tac Toe, or telling stories or jokes.
- Learn to apologize and forgive. When someone says they are sorry believe them. Their actions will show if they are.
- Teach children to check in with parents/adults and remind them never talk to strangers and never to tell a stranger that they are home alone.
- If children/teens go online teach them to keep themselves and others safe.
- All children need to feel loved and secure. Make sure the children in your life know you love them, even when they do something wrong.
- Praise their achievements, talents, and most importantly their hard work.

Finally, continue to pray with and for them and let them know that God is always there to care for them and to help.

Adapted from Safe Environment materials provided by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, 2021.

-Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K - Grade 6, jeanne@btsje.org

HOLY WATER: Bottles of the Holy Water, that was blessed at the Easter Vigil, are available in the Gathering Space. 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.



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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today is our second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday! This special feast was given to us by St. Pope John Paul II in the year 2000 and concludes the Octave or 8 Days of Easter (though the season of Easter lasts for a total of 50 days until the feast of Pentecost)! It is based on encounters with Jesus by St. Faustina Kowalska, in the 1930's, prior to WWII and recorded in her Diary. Jesus said to St. Faustina "humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to each of us! We see the mercy of Jesus in our Gospel today where Jesus comes again so that Thomas the Apostle can doubt no longer, but believe! And again for us, He says "blessed are those who have not seen and have believed!" This is what we profess with our faith in action, as we strive to live and love authentically, being IN the world, but not OF the world. We concluded our RE year this week on April 20, with a class before Mass from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, followed by a 5:15 pm Mass. Our year was fast, but fruitful and fun. I am infinitely grateful to all of our students, catechists, families and St. John Evangelist staff for their time and dedication to growing together in our faith and love for Jesus and His church. Together our lives were enriched as we encountered the living love of God. My hope and prayer is that this is just the beginning of an "awemazing" journey of lifelong love and learning. Let us accompany one another and through our faith and service continue to "give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love is everlasting" (Psalm 118). See you at Mass.

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



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. Tom Reilly, Julia Rodemeier, and Rich Tauferner are completing their first term and can be chosen for a second term. All names must be in the Parish Office by Friday, May 6 at noon. Nominees will be asked to consider participating in the discernment process for membership on the Pastoral Council. This will be held on Tuesday, May 24.



FINANCIAL: APRIL 17

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,548.00.

Holy Thursday: \$357.00

Good Friday (Shrines for the Holy Lands): \$870.00

Easter: \$1,125.00

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF APRIL 23/24 & APRIL 30/MAY 1

MASSES	Saturday April 23, 5:30 pm	Sunday, April 24, 9:00 am	Saturday, April 30, 5:00 pm	Sunday, May 1, 9:00 am
Lector	Angela Bustos	Melanie Pellegrino	Beth Zadalis	Susan Vavra
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Clyde or Sharon Kometer		Mel Free
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Carson Bishop	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	John Debrauske Jim Sarafin
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi



Preparing for First Communion - During their First Communion Retreat time, Second Graders and Parents worked together to make Banners that will hang on pews on May 1st when the children will receive the Body/Blood of Jesus at the 9:00 am Mass for the first time.

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



"It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jews. Then Jesus came and stood along them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19-31)

**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.

Sincere thanks for your donations to the 2022 Annual Lenten Outreach Program! It is heartwarming to see how generous our parishes have continued to be in an effort to reach across boundaries to follow Christ's example of love. 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. Our combined efforts give true meaning to 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' Any additional contributions will continue to be accepted and are appreciated.

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED: \$13,920

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

you're invited **Fr. Joe's Farewell Gathering:** Please join us for a luncheon in honor of Fr. Joe on Sunday, May 15th. Invitations were mailed last week, please RSVP by May 2nd. For more information, please contact Gretchen in the parish office at stjohnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623

JOB OPPORTUNITY: DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SHEBOYGAN NORTH CATHOLIC PARISHES (SNCP):

Fulltime year-round position. For more information see the website below or email Tom Dinolfo, Director of Administrative Services, at dinolfot@catholicnorth.org.
<https://uploads.weconnect.com/.../Job%20Description...>



A big thank you to the student volunteers and parents who helped organize this years Easter egg hunt after the 9:00 am

Mass. The event was a great success and the children enjoyed the hunt and the opportunity to take a picture with the Easter Bunny. Thanks to everyone involved! ~Gena Gebler

LET'S TALK: St. Anne Society's Wednesday morning coffee gatherings (Let's Talk!) take place on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the church hall.

Safe Environment Week - April 25 - 30, 2022

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE:

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace
in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM DID YOU KNOW....

Did you know....Criminal Background checks are conducted on every priest, deacon, parish director, employee and volunteer working with minors in active ministry in parish and schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Did you know....In 2020 in the Archdiocese, over 70 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 1,800 adults trained, over 3,800 criminal background checks were conducted, and over 50,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

Did you know....All clergy, employees and volunteers are instructed to contact local law enforcement or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused,

Did you know....The Archdiocese has a Victim Assistance Coordinator that has assisted survivors of sexual abuse navigate through the process of reporting abuse and receiving counseling services. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at 414-758-2232.

Did you know....No priest or deacon with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can or will ever serve as a priest or deacon in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Did you know....In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, a Diocesan Review Board reviews allegations against clergy involving abuse of a minor and helps hold our diocese accountable.

SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

Safe environment education training sessions are conducted both in person and virtually. Go to: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm> to view a list of dates available and to register. All volunteers that work with children need to attend a Safeguarding class. Please take advantage of this online opportunity. You only need to take the class once. Any questions? Please contact the parish office at stjohnnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623.

BINGO

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
C.A. FLIPSE SONS CO**

**DIANE TORKE
JIM SARAFIN
JIM & JULIE RUMMEL
JIM & TONI SARAFIN**

**JIMMY JOHNS
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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, Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and
 Mary Waitkus, Associate, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



May 2022



COVID Update: Masks are optional.
Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Bishop Robert Barron's *The Mass*

Thursdays 6:30-7:45 pm at SJE-LLCR

Learn how to fully participate in the Mass with Bishop Barron. With group discussion.

May 5 Lesson 3: **God Speaks Our Story** & Lesson 4: **Responding to God**

May 12 Lesson 5: **Preparing for Sacrifice** & Lesson 6: **The Real Presence Creates Communion**

****Please RSVP** by April 21 to Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Optional: Workbooks are available online at wordonfire.org for \$25.

Wednesday, May 11 – Preplanning a *Catholic Funeral*

1:00-2:30 pm in the SJE Gathering Space

Presented by Kim Mandelkow from the Office of Worship at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and Angie Wenig-Ring from Wenig Funeral Homes in Sheboygan Falls.



Afternoon/Evening at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Radio*

This inspiring true story is about a high school football coach who encourages and protects a black student who is mentally disabled. A relationship develops during the football season of 1976.

Wednesday, May 18 from 1:30-4:00 pm in the CLC Meeting Room at BT AND

Thursday, May 19 from 6:30-9:00 pm in the LL Conference Room at SJE

Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

Saturday, May 14

8:00 am Departure from Holy Name Parish, Sheboygan

10:00 am arrival, 10:45 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass (optional)

12:00 pm lunch, 2:00 pm departure, 3:30 pm return to Holy Name

Cost \$20 per person includes: coach bus for the comfort of all pilgrims, brown bag lunch and water, and access to all the grounds.

Please Register by calling Mary at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 **as soon as possible** if you are interested in going so we can see if a spot is still available. Fee payable to CLC or BT parish office.



First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Join us for coffee, pastries and good company!

Friday, May 6 after 7:00 am Mass at SJE Gathering Space
Thursday, May 12 after 9:00 am Mass at BT Gathering Area



Walk the Walk... Join us for our walking program! This adult only program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school's former gym at Blessed Trinity. You must be able to climb/descend 40 steps each way to the school gym. Bring gym shoes and a water bottle! We will warm up with a few exercises before we start to walk, ending with cool down exercises! Class will be led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions call the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616: Mary, Ext. 314 or John, Ext. 315.



Health and Wellness

Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 am in the CLC-MR

- May 3 **Seated Chair Exercise** – Join us for a seated exercise group. Participate as able.
May 10 **Seated Chair Exercise** – Join us for a seated exercise group. Participate as able.
May 17 **Health and Wellness Discussion** – Our monthly group that discusses health and wellness. The focus topic for this month is exercise. We will discuss the value of moving our body, and practical and creative ways to sneak exercise into our day.
May 24 **Getting a Good Night's Sleep** – Join us for a presentation by Jiannan (Jay) Zhang, APNP from Prevea Health. Food will be provided.
May 31 **Seated Chair Exercise** – Join us for a seated exercise group. Participate as able.

****Please RSVP** to Mary the Friday before each event at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



Enrich Your Sunday!

May 22nd after Mass, 10:15 – 11:00 am in
St. John Evangelist's Gathering Space

The Search Episode 1 – What Do You Seek?

Join us for an enlightening Formed.org video with discussion at a convenient time after Mass. We will be finished by 11:00 am in time to make Sunday plans.

CLC Event Highlights for May:

- May 5 -*The Mass* by Bishop Barron, Lessons 3 & 4, 6:30-7:45 pm, SJE-LLCR
May 11 -**Preplanning A Catholic Funeral**, 1:00-2:30 pm, SJE Gathering Space
May 12 -*The Mass* by Bishop Barron, Lessons 5 & 6, 6:30-7:45 pm, SJE-LLCR
May 14 -Day trip to Our Lady of Good Help
May 24 -**A Good Night's Sleep**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR

CLC-MR and CLC-AR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room and Assembly 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.

Dear Padre,

My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?

This method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended *lectio divina* as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of *lectio divina* is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing *lectio divina* for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice *lectio divina* regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[*Lectio divina*] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 25

St. Mark,
Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

Tuesday

APRIL 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

APRIL 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

APRIL 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday

APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

APRIL 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

MAY 1

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rv 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14