

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 8, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

600 Green Tree Road,
Kohler WI 53044

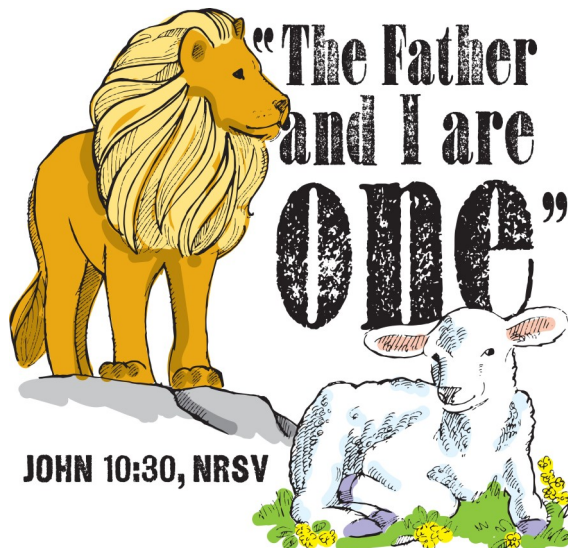
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Please contact the Parish Office to:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 7	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Edwin Sabel & Jane Ornelas by Family, †John & Alena Markgraf by Paul Morgan Family
Saturday	May 7	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Gerald Simon by Robert & Connie Hiers
Sunday	May 8	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 8	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Verdayne Meyer by Sandy Jordan, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Marcia Schleicher
Tuesday	May 10	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Mike & Ann Scheibl
Wednesday	May 11	St. John's	7:00 am	†Dolores Henwood & Virginia Boetcher by Gloria Lorenz & Barbara Selke
Thursday	May 12	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Louis & Agnes Billmann by LuAnne Immel & Rick Rammer
Friday	May 13	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Friday	May 13	Prairie Crossing	10:00 am	†Lorraine Erbstoesser
Saturday	May 14	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†John Klopff by Norb & Adeline Haen, †Lucille Micoliczyk
Saturday	May 14	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy and Family
Sunday	May 15	St. John's	9:00 am	†Kendra Versey by Versey Family
Sunday	May 15	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



TRANSITION UPDATE: We are pleased to announce that at the recommendation of the Priests' Placement Board, Archbishop ListECKi has appointed Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel as the new Administrator of Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes. Fr. Jonathon will begin as Administrator on June 21st. We ask God's blessings for Fr. Jonathon and for the communities of Blessed Trinity and St. John Evangelist Parishes. ~Deb Hasler, Blessed Trinity Parish, Pastoral Council Chairperson



Mother's Day 2022

Mother's Day has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States on the second Sunday of May since 1914, but Catholics have been celebrating a sort of Mothers' Day much earlier than that. In our tradition the month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Her example teaches faith, obedience, humility, and most of all, how to love.



It is very fitting that we celebrate Mothers' Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother's Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only with gifts, flowers, or cards, but also with our prayers. We thank God for mothers who care for, protect, teach, and love, and who also pass on the precious gift of faith. We ask God to bless them in a special way.

Today we offer a prayer written by an unknown author for all mothers...

A Prayer for Mothers – author unknown

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, teachers and caregivers and all who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes away every tear.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

And we remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

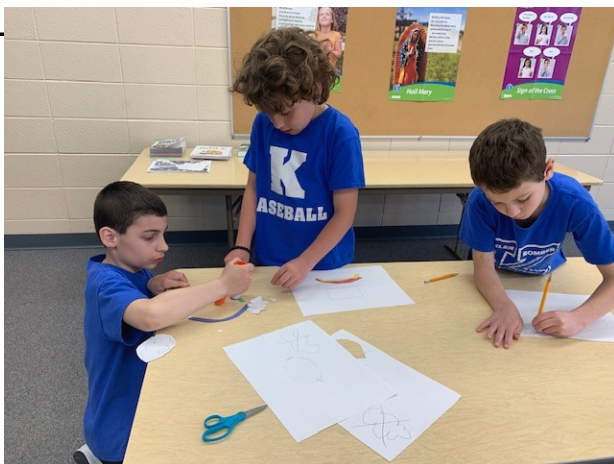
Amen.

This weekend we give thanks to all mothers, and to all who are like mothers, for who they are, for what they do, and for all that they give.

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

There is still time to enroll children in Grade 4K through Grade 6 in the new after-school Religious Education SEEDS program held on Wednesdays in May from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm. The theme this past Wednesday was: Jesus. Our service project:

Placemats for the May 14 Emmaus Meal. For more information contact: Jeanne Bitkers, jeanne@btsje.org / 920-452-9623 Ext: 220.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today on our 4th Sunday of Easter, we have a short Gospel, where Jesus reveals that He is the Good Shepherd, but it is not enough to just hear His voice; true disciples follow it! Last weekend, our 11th grade Religious Education students went on a Confirmation retreat at Mt. Tabor in Menasha along with their BT counterparts. The Spiritus team that led the retreat used videos, icebreakers, small groups, talks and time in the Chapel to pass along the desire and hunger for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to be made more manifest. One of the songs they played in the Chapel was named "Reckless Love." It is a song written by Cory Asbury and it's lyrics made a profound impact on many of the kids. Here they are...



*"Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me-You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me-You have been so, so kind to me.
(Chorus) Oh, the overwhelming never-ending, reckless Love of God! Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still you give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless Love of God!"*
~ Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12, teresab@btsje.org



FIRST COMMUNION: On May 1st, these children, who were baptized as babies into the family of God, received their First Communion at the Lord's Table with their parents, families, friends and others at the 9:00 AM Mass. We pray that these children will always have faith in God, and that they will continue, both now and in the future, to use the many gifts that they have been given.

LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF MAY 7/8 & MAY 14/15

MASSES	Saturday May 7, 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 8, 9:00 am	Saturday, May 14, 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 15, 9:00 am
Lector	Beth Zadalis	Abbagail Bishop	Cate Smith	Charlotte Bullard
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Ken Udovich		Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Mel Free Kevin Smith	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos	Bill Rutten Ken Udovich	Peter Guske Steve O'Neil
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

**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 9th**. For more information, please contact Gretchen in the parish office at stjohnev@btsje.org or 920-452-9623

SUNDAY SOCIAL:



There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **SUNDAY, May 8**. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and some coffee. The social is hosted by the Religious Education Committee.



CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER: PREPLANNING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL:

On **Wednesday, May 11 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm**, the Catholic Life Center is hosting *Preplanning a Catholic Funeral*. This event will be held in

the Gathering Space at St. John Evangelist Parish and is hosted by Kim Mandelkow from the Office of Worship at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and Angie Wenig-Ring from Wenig Funeral Homes in Sheboygan Falls & Oostburg. Come and ask any questions you may have about at Catholic Funeral. Reservations are requested. Please call the Parish Office at 920-452-9623.

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.

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...>

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 14.

BINGO THANK YOU!: If you heard "BINGO" shouted last Saturday evening, you weren't the only one. That was when St. John's hosted BINGO 22. This event was made possible only through the combined efforts of parishioners and generous donors. Special thanks go to Lakeshore Pepsi, Larry's Distributing, Superior Liquor and Jimmy John for their in-kind support and the Kohler Foundation, and Salon 511, and Miesfelds Meats for our grand prizes. St. John's is our spiritual home, one in which we practice our faith and enjoy each other's company. While we welcome everyone, from wherever they come, our events are targeted for St. John's people in order to strengthen our personal relationships and build our Catholic community. ~Tom Reilly



Let's Walk!

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

*Walk with friends, family, and neighbors
for fun and fitness!*

**All are welcome! Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
for casual walkabouts in the village.**

**We will meet in the St. John Evangelist Church
parking lot and walk for approximately an hour.
(walk all or part - weather permitting)**

**St. Anne Society
St. John Evangelist Catholic Church
600 Green Tree Rd, Kohler**

LET'S TALK: St. Anne
Society's
Wednesday morning
coffee gatherings
(Let's Talk!) take
place on
Wednesday mornings at



Let's Walk! resumes May 3rd

SAVE THE DATES !!

Dance Lessons for Couples, Singles, Any Age
Open to Everyone, Invite your friends
Taught by DIANE REMY



June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
5:00 - 6:00 PM in the CLC Gym
\$5.00 per person, each lesson
Register with John O'Dell (920) 467-4616, Ext 315



MISSION SOCIETY: The last morning to assemble quilts full time will be **Tuesday, May 17**, with final tasks and cleanup done on **May 24**. Thank you, ladies, for helping this year.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:



Marlys Ryan passed away on Thursday, April 28. A funeral service was held on Friday, May 6. Please keep Marlys and her family in your prayers.



Young Adult Mass & Social

Come and kick off your summer right! This special young adult event will start with an outdoor Mass* on scenic Nutt Hill in Plymouth, followed by free dinner and s'mores, a bonfire, and yard games. Parking near the hill is limited, so invite your friends and fill your car!

Date:
Saturday, June 4

Time:
5:30 PM Mass
Social to follow

Location:
Nutt Hill Ski Area
W Main Street
Plymouth, WI
53073

**Bring a blanket or chair for seating during Mass*
Hosted by Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation



CLC Mother's Day Service Project:

A special thank you to all who donated items and assembled the Mother's Day gift bags. Because of your generosity, we were able to brighten the days of 31 mothers at Mary's Room in Sheboygan.

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.

SAINT JOHN EVANGELIST HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION
BLESSED TRINITY HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE
- SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
-ANNUAL LENTEN OUTREACH PROGRAM-



Our Committees would like to extend a warm thank you for your continued support of our combined Annual Lenten Outreach Program. Our two parishes have sponsored this program for six years. This year the focus was on supporting the Servants of the Good Help Mission in Peru. Your donations will be utilized for their local school to support meals for the students. Approximately five dollars per week will pay for the weekly meals of one student. Katie and Taylor Schmidt, originally from Brillion, WI, have relocated to Peru and are heading up this mission. We were so pleased to have had the opportunity to hear directly from Katie and Taylor prior to Lent and to have their parents present at one of our Masses this Lenten season.

Donations totaled approximately \$14,000 for the Servants of the Good Help Mission in Peru. Since 2017, our two parishes have donated approximately \$82,000 to our Annual Outreach Lenten Programs.

Again, your generosity is overwhelming. We are looking forward to another joint project in 2023.

God bless you for opening your hearts to assist those who are in need.

~John Egan, St. John Evangelist Parish Social Justice Committee Chairperson



ITEMS IN NEW

PLACES: St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity Bulletins have moved off the tables and back into the

kiosk (located in the center of the Gathering Space). Please look for them in their marked slots. Also, children's materials including coloring pages are located on the lowest shelf in the kiosk. Check out the materials that are related to the Sunday gospel, the liturgical season or a specific saint.



2022 EMMAUS

MEAL: Serving of Emmaus Meals will resume in person beginning in May. St. John's is

scheduled for **Saturday, May 14**; servers and bakers are needed. If you are looking for a way to contribute to St. John's and can spare a little time, please indicate your interest by either contacting Jack or Karen Egan (452-7632) or signing up at church on the poster board in the Gathering Space. You will be contacted with further information. IF INTERESTED, but this date doesn't work for you, we will also be serving on June 11 and 18. Save one or both of the dates! Thanks to everyone in advance!!



MAY WINE & HOSTS:

In Memory of the Schwebel & Tauferner Families by Rich Tauferner.

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter

the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.

The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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RENATA SEDMAKOWA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear....The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

