

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 22, 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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Kohler WI 53044

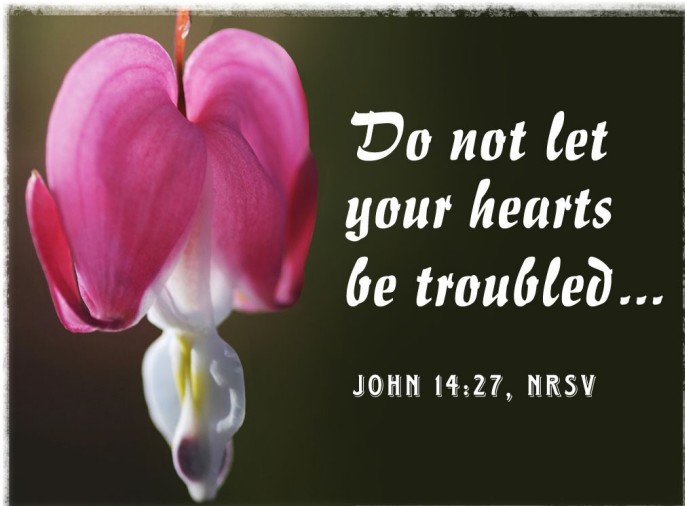
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Please contact the Parish Office to:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 21	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Mary Alice Schleicher by Schleicher Family
Saturday	May 21	St. John's	5:30 pm	The Living & Deceased Members of the LaRon Mischock Family
Sunday	May 22	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioner
Sunday	May 22	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Nora Salata by Cathy Pearce; †Eugene McCabe by Marilyn McCabe
Tuesday	May 24	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for the Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	May 25	St. John's	7:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Barbara Mott
Thursday	May 26	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Mary's Room
Friday	May 27	St. John's	7:00 am	†Bruce Grover & Theresa Oelhafen by Carol Grover
Saturday	May 28	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Claude & Verdayne Meyer by Lynn Erbstoesser, †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust
Saturday	May 28	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand & Carol Mertzig by Family
Sunday	May 29	St. John's	9:00 am	†Scott McGinnis by Georgiana & Bill McGinnis
Sunday	May 29	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners



ROSARY LEADERS: We are still in need of leaders for the last weekend in May, May 28/29 at both Masses. Please contact Rich Tauferner at 920-918-5066 if you are willing to lead the rosary before one of those Masses. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 28.

The Month of May: Wearing "God-colored" glasses

This month of May is often filled with important events. There are First Communions and Confirmations. You might also have a wedding, a Baptism or even an Ordination in your extended family. These events are all Sacraments, and a Sacrament (with an upper-case "S") is, as St. Augustine explained, "a visible sign of invisible grace."



The seven Sacraments transform us. Through ordinary elements such as bread, wine, oil, and water, that are made holy through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened spiritually, and we experience God's infinite love; but maybe, you will take part in less momentous events like a springtime walk, a birthday celebration, a graduation, or a family picnic on Memorial Day weekend. These events and activities are also sacramental (with a lower-case "s").

It's easy to recognize and appreciate God's grace when someone in the family celebrates a Sacrament (with an upper case "S"), but sometimes, we overlook the little miracles of God's grace in our everyday lives. If so, perhaps it's time to put on our "God-colored" glasses so that we can see the presence of God in the sacred moments happening all around us.

Ways to begin:

- Start the day with a simple prayer asking God to help you recognize his presence throughout the day.
- Be aware of the little miracles that happen all around you in the thoughtfulness of others, in the beauty of nature, in the peacefulness of an ordinary moment.
- Make it a point to thank God — out loud or in the silence of your heart — each time his presence is revealed to you.
- Help the children in your life to recognize the presence of God by taking a few minutes to talk about how God was present to each member of the family during the day.
- Before you go to sleep, think back on the many ways you experienced God's presence in your day and allow yourself to glow in the warmth of God's love.

Finally, we might all try to remember to put on our "God-colored" glasses so we won't miss any of the wonderful experiences and gifts that God is waiting to reveal to us! Enjoy the remainder of this Month of May and the special blessings that it will bring.

Adapted from : Duqun, Lorene Hanley. "Looking at God through God-colored Glasses"", Teachingcatholickids.com

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



Week Three of the SEEDS (Spring Interim) Religious Education Program: This past Wednesday's Theme was St. Joseph, and 4K-Grade 6 students, and High School Volunteers, worked together to make things with wood (popsicle sticks) just as St. Joseph the Carpenter did. Next week is our final week of the SEEDS program and children will be learning about our Parish Patron Saint and Gospel writer, Saint John the Evangelist.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Happy Easter! Yes, we are still celebrating the JOY of Jesus' resurrection on this 6th Sunday of Easter (and in fact, on every Sunday and at every Mass!) We continue reading from the book of Acts, from Revelation and from John's Gospel. All of today's readings are united by the presence of the Holy Spirit. In our Gospel, Jesus says his "last or farewell discourse" to His apostles at the Last Supper. He tells them "I am going away, and I will come back to you....and now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe." Think of other stories from the Bible...God was WITH Adam and Eve in the garden; God was WITH Moses and the Israelites; God was WITH the Apostles and the multitudes who could hear His voice, feel his healing touch, see His face revealed in His son Jesus, but now with the gift of the Holy Spirit, God is not just WITH us, He is IN us! He will do what we cannot, for nothing is impossible with God!! Can't stop worrying? Christ can and He lives in you! Can't forgive someone? Christ can and He lives in you! Can't break a bad habit? Christ can and He lives in you! This is why we sing Alleluia (Greek for "praise God") and recite our psalm today "O God, let all the nations praise you" because we have this amazing, humble, holy, generous, living, loving God who lives WITH us and WITHIN us!! Happy Easter indeed!



Finally, what another "happy farewell" we shared last Sunday to gather together as one family of faith to thank and share love and a meal with Fr. Joe. All of us from 7-12 grade Religious Education will miss him and we thank him for his JOY and bringing us the Sacraments. See you at Mass!

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

SAVE THE DATE: This summer, there will be several special opportunities for all 7-12 graders to continue their spiritual growth with a special class and Mass. Please mark your calendars for the dates below. More information will be given in June.

Saturday, June 25 meeting at 4:15-5:15 pm, with Mass at 5:30 pm

Sunday, July 31 meeting for Mass at 9:00 am, class after from 10:00 - 11:00 am

Saturday, August 13 meeting at 4:15 - 5:15 pm, with Mass at 5:30 pm

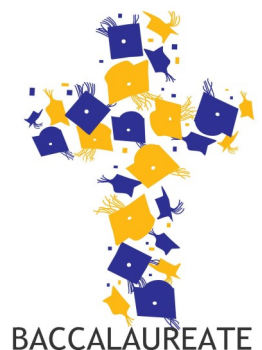
BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: We honor you, high school graduates and parents, by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your intentions and serving you a breakfast following the 9:00 am Mass on **SUNDAY, May 22**. 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.



Anna B.
Ashton B.
Edward B.
Sophia D.
MacKenna E.
Kennedy G.
Olivia H.
Grace M.

Nicole R.
Benjamin R.
Charles R.
Brock R.
JT S.
Kimberly S.
Natalie U.



LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF MAY 21/22 & MAY 28/29

MASSES	Saturday May 21, 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 22, 9:00 am	Saturday, May 28, 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 29, 9:00 am
Lector	Angela Bustos	Steve O'Neil	Beth Zadalis	Diane Hart
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Clyde or Sharon Kometer		Nick Cinquepalmi
Ushers	Tom Valicenti Volunteer	John Multer Carson Bishop	Volunteer Volunteer	Rob Holzrichter Aaron Justinger
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Servers		Erin Meyer Maggie Magle		Anthony Bustos Anthony Justinger



Wanted! Tag Sale Donations for St. Anne's Tag Sale!:

Drop-offs
weekdays **9:00 a.m. - noon.** A

holding room is available now for donations in classroom #4, and other classrooms will be available May 26th. We have volunteers to assist, and rolling carts for unloading. (If you are unable to bring donations during the morning schedule, we can arrange a time that works for your schedule.) Tax receipts are available at drop-off in classroom #4. More information is available on handout flyers in the Gathering Space. **Tag Sale will be held on Friday, June 25 & Saturday, June 26.**

St. Anne Society Contacts: Lori Udovich, Chairperson - udovichlori@gmail.com (920) 946-5612 Patty Langel, Vice-Chairperson - wisconsinpl@aol.com (920) 889-1851 Connie Alvarez, Treasurer - alvarezralphconnie@gmail.com (630) 881-4059 Anita Voiles, Secretary & Membership Director - voilesanita@yahoo.com (920) 395-2483

Save The Date!! Blessed Trinity Summer Festival:

Sunday, August 21st. Blessed Trinity Parish will celebrate a Polka Mass at 10:30 AM with the help of The Ryan Kautzer Band. Immediately following the Mass will be the Blessed Trinity Summer Festival with food, beverages, games for young and old, Bingo, more Polka Music from The Ryan Kautzer Band and a two-hour performance by Bella Musik. Make plans to come out to enjoy the day, enjoy time with your friends, neighbors, and relatives, and celebrate Blessed Trinity!!



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.

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.

Hello Everyone,

"For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past," Psalm 90:4

The Holy Scripture reminds us of time from the perspective of God (Psalm 90:4) and our reality. I came to St. John Evangelist, Kohler, and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls almost 5 years ago. I am so privileged to be part of these two faith communities. You have taught me a lot. Thank you. Now slowly as I am getting ready to move, you gave me a loving and beautiful farewell. It was a testimony of who you are, such loving, caring and faith filled people. Thank you for your love, prayers, kind words and gifts. Please accept this note as a personal note of gratitude. You shall be in my prayers.

God Bless, everyone

Fr. Joe

2022 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

APPEAL: The 2022 Catholic Stewardship Campaign began in February. To date, St. John Evangelist Parishioners have donated \$25,470.00. This is 72.38% of our goal of \$35,190.00. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.



HELP WANTED: ANCHOR OF HOPE PART TIME MARKETING SPECIALIST:

Anchor of Hope is seeking a part time marketing specialist. A successful candidate will have a prolife view and a heart to serve. This role will have a strong focus on optimizing Anchor of Hope's strategic digital presence as well as the ability to effectively manage current marketing tools and strategies used by Anchor of Hope. Inquiries, letter of intent, and resumes should be sent to: hope@anchorofhopewi.org or by calling 920-452-4673 and by asking for Jacky.

LOOKING FOR CLEANING HELP: Fr. Jonathon will be living in the rectory when he comes to St. John's. Since no one has lived here for many years, the rectory could use a deep cleaning. If you are able to help in mid-June, please contact the parish office (stjohnnev@btsje.org) with some possible days and times that you would be available. A day that works best for all will be selected.



ST. LAWRENCE SEMINARY RETREAT OPPORTUNITY: Calling all current Middle School Boys! Come and bring a friend to St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer from Monday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 15. You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, and making new friends! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. More information and registration materials are available at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats



BIBLE ADVENTURES

For FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS*

WEDNESDAYS – JUNE 1, JUNE 8, JUNE 15

3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

St. John Evangelist Parish

Please register your child/ren and invite a friend of theirs.

RSVP TO: Jeanne Bitkers, DRE- Grades 4K-Grade 6

jeanne@btsje.org

920-452-9623

Activities will be provided for younger siblings if they need to accompany their 4th, 5th, 6th grade siblings.



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



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



ALPHA: Alpha is back and better than ever! Is there someone you care about who has stepped away from the church? Alpha is a great way to invite the people you care about to (re) discover a relationship with Jesus. Sign up with your friend or family member and check out the summer in-person Alpha experience at **The Hub Studio Cafe** in Johnsonville. Dinner is provided every week!



6:00 - 7:30 PM Tuesdays from June 14 - August 2, 2022

Sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/EUJum25tF8j6PiRr7>

Any questions, please contact Paige Katzfey (Pastoral Associate at St. John the Baptist Parish) at pkatzfey@sjbplymouth.org

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.

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers *in vitro* fertilization (Latin for fertilization “in glass” or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved).

All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.

ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Calendar

Monday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 29

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or

Heb 9:24–28;

10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

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

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Dear Padre.