

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 29, 2022 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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	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
Tuesday	May 31	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Special Intention for Human Concerns Committee
Wednesday	June 1	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fr. Louis Wilimek
Thursday	June 2	Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	†Bernice Slachowiak by Donna Plageman
Friday	June 3	St. John's	7:00 am	†Bernice Simon by Family & Friends
Friday	June 3	Pine Haven	10:00 am	†Bernice Mett
Saturday	June 4	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †William Lane Jr. by Thomas & Diana Kreutz
Saturday	June 4	St. John's	5:30 pm	†Ruth LaCroix by Family
Sunday	June 5	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	June 5	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Ralph & Mary Alice Schleicher by Sandy Jordan, †Lorraine Mata Klich & Jimmy S Klich by Family

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish at 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 5.

FINANCIAL: MAY 21/22: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,736.45.

MAY WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of the Schwebel & Tauferner Families by Rich Tauferner.



The Ascension of Jesus:

"...He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.". (Acts 1:9)

According to the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus appeared to his disciples during the forty days after Easter: On the fortieth day, "he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight" (Acts 1:9). The Solemnity of the Ascension that we celebrate this weekend brings a conclusion to Jesus' earthly ministry and confirms that he is truly the Son of God. In addition, in his last instructions to his disciples, Jesus made it very clear that his mission was now to be carried out by his followers, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



The Ascension of Jesus that we celebrate is also an important event in the story of our faith. In the Gospels, Jesus looks up when he prays, raises his hands in blessing, speaks of heaven frequently, or is spoken to by a voice above the clouds. He comes up from death in a miraculous Resurrection, and eventually departs this earth with a final, spectacular Ascension.

It is interesting to note that the Ascension says as much about the Church as it does about Jesus. The Good News is that the mission of Jesus continues through those who believe in him, who follow him and who do his will! This special feast day is also a preview of our own destiny when someday we will be taken to heaven to meet God face to face.

In our Catholic Churches the Easter candle is extinguished on the Ascension to mark the end of the Easter season and the beginning of the nine-day wait for Pentecost. At some of these Churches and in other times, the Ascension Liturgy included a procession outside of the church to a nearby hill to remind everyone that Jesus was lifted up to the sky. Here at St. John Evangelist Parish, children in our 4K-Grade 6 Spring SEEDS Program heard the stories of the Ascension written by the New Testament authors and blew soap bubbles, watched them rise, and then disappear as Jesus did forty days after Easter.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension there are three things to remember:

- First in a very real way, Jesus' ascension into heaven is the goal for each one of us. Jesus went before us, and we are to follow him there.
- Secondly, Jesus will come back. When that day comes, we should be ready and we can best prepare by being faithful disciples, each in our own way.
- Finally, Jesus also expects us to be open, available, and ready to cooperate with him in the mission he calls us to.

In whatever way we celebrate this special time in our Church year may it remind us of the mystery of our Catholic Faith and help us to appreciate the peace, love and joy that is ours when we choose to believe and to act accordingly.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord. In our Collect prayer at the beginning of Mass, we heard the priest proclaim "...make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and where the Head has gone in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope." How "wonder full" is this? After 40 days of being with His Apostles and disciples in His resurrected body, Jesus goes back to His Father in heaven, and He promises the same for us! Jesus' Ascension is not the end, but only the beginning of a new life to come for all of us one day! Plus, now we begin our nine-day waiting (Latin for "novena") for the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon all of the world!



A few weeks ago, my husband and I had the privilege of chaperoning our 8th grade daughter's class trip to Washington DC. While walking in Arlington Cemetery to pay our respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, there was another tour group behind us. I overheard one of the students asking another "where is Jesus buried?" I didn't eavesdrop on what the reply was, but it got me to thinking, that just like the women found no body when they went to the tomb on Easter morning; no archeologist will find the body of Jesus buried in a tomb, because "He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:6-7) Perhaps an "awemazing" way to contemplate and thank God for His Ascension and to prepare for the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost next Sunday is to say the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary today, either by yourself or with your family. These 5 mysteries will remind us of all of our Easter joy, as we take the time to pray and praise Jesus and Mary for the gifts, treasures and beauty of our Catholic faith. 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 MASS: This past Sunday, the high school seniors celebrated Baccalaureate Mass and breakfast at St. John Evangelist Parish.



BACCALAUREATE



LAY MINISTERS FOR WEEKENDS OF MAY 28/29 & JUNE 5/6

MASSES	Saturday May 28, 5:30 pm	Sunday, May 29, 9:00 am	Saturday, June 5, 5:30 pm	Sunday, June 6, 9:00 am
Lector	Beth Zadalis	Diane Hart	Susan Vavra	Melanie Pellegrino
Lay Distributors of Holy Communion		Nick Cinquepalmi		Mel Free
Ushers	Volunteer Volunteer	Rob Holzrichter Aaron Justinger	Randy Miller Bill Moffatt	John Debrauske Jim Sarafin Tom Reilly
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Nick Cinquepalmi	Connie Katchkey	Nick Cinquepalmi
Servers		Holly Justinger Anthony Justinger		Sophia Hogan Erin Meyer



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.



Wanted! Donations for St. Anne's Tag Sale!: Classroom #8, the first classroom on the right, is now available for drop-offs. 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 #8. More information is available on handout flyers in the Gathering Space.

Tag Sale Dates: June 24 and 25

St. Anne Society Contacts:

- Lori Udovich, Chairperson - udovichlori@gmail.com (920) 946-5612
- Patty Langel, Vice-Chairperson - wisconsinpl@aol.com (920) 889-1851
- Anita Voiles, Secretary & Membership Director - voilesanita@yahoo.com

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.

Join us for

Sheboygan A's Family Fun Day

**Saturday, June 11th
11:00 AM GAME**

**Wildwood Park
2276 New Jersey Ave,
Sheboygan**

**Cost: \$5/person or
\$25 total for Family of 5+**

**Register at:
great-marriages.org/events**

Join us for a day of family fun
with the Sheboygan A's!
We have an amazing deal just for
you!

For \$5 per person OR
\$25 for a family of 5+ includes:

Ticket(s) to the game, hamburger
or hot dog voucher, and 10% off
souvenir voucher.

GREAT  MARRIAGES



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



Pray. Eat. Celebrate Summer!

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

At Home Mission Week

June 20th – June 23rd, 2022

Youth from several Sheboygan County Churches working together to provide

FREE service to our neighbors in need.

Possible projects we will consider

Yard clean up

Small landscape projects (weeding and mulching)

Minimal home repairs if safe and approved by committee.

Washing windows

Small painting or staining jobs

**If we can be of service to you,
please contact Lisa Gross at Blessed Trinity Parish.
Phone 920 - 467 - 4616 ext. 318 or Email lisa@btsje.org**

*Number of jobs accepted depends on the number
of helping hands we can gather.



**Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others**



thejourneytoperfection.blogspot.com 2013

We need many volunteers both students and adults who wish to serve. If you know of someone interested in serving alongside some very dedicated people, **please contact Lisa Gross. see contact info above.**

**Volunteers can work any number of days or hours that fit into their schedule.
All help is greatly appreciated, no gift is too big or too small.**

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



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

Luau Themed Potluck

Wednesday, June 15, 12:00-1:15 pm

Catholic Life Center Meeting Room



****Please Sign Up with Mary** at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314, by June 8. Let Mary know the dish you're bringing, so we can plan the food. Movie to follow.



Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, *Soul Surfer*

This inspiring true story is about Bethany Hamilton, a thirteen year old champion surfer who loses her arm during a shark attack. With the support of her Christian faith, along with her family and friends, she not only surfs again with one arm, but returns as a champion surfer.

Starring
Helen Hunt
and
Dennis Quaid

Wednesday, June 15, from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC Meeting Room at BT following the Luau Potluck.



Summer Concert Series at River Park, Sheboygan Falls

Wednesday June 8 – Brent Bel & The Boys, 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesday June 22 – Ryan Kautzer Band, 6:00-8:00 pm

Snacks and water provided. Bring your own chair and beverage, and enjoy the music and the food trucks (start 5:00 pm) with your

friends and family.

****Please RSVP with Mary** at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

Will be back in September!



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. Walking may be held outside in church parking lot during the summer, weather permitting.



Health and Wellness

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



- June 7 **Seated Chair Exercise** – Join us for a seated exercise group. Participate as able.
- June 14 **Estate Planning** – Learn about creating an estate plan, presented by Ryan Zinkel, Attorney at RohdeDales, LLP
- June 21 **Health and Wellness Discussion** – Our monthly group that discusses health and wellness. The focus topic for this month is healthy food that tastes good.
- June 28 **Seated Chair Exercise** – Join us for a seated exercise group. Participate as able.

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



Enrich Your Sunday!

June 12 after Mass, 10:15 – 11:00 am
St. John Evangelist's Gathering Space
The Search Episode 2 – Who Are You?

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.

Please register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Ballroom Dancing Lessons

For couples or singles, any age, invite your friends!

Sundays, June 5, 12, 19, 26
5:00-6:00 pm in the CLC Gym

Taught by DIANE REMY
\$5.00 per person for each hour

Register with John O'Dell 920-467-4616, Ext. 315



Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

What is the secret of a happy life? Recognizing Jesus, but Jesus as the living God, not as a statue. Because it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history....what matters is the place I give him in my life, the place I give to Jesus in my heart.

ANGELUS, JUNE 29, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1–8

Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday

MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14–18a or

Rom 12:9–16

Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 20:28–38

Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday

JUNE 2

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Jn 17:20–26

Friday

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b–21

Jn 21:15–19

Saturday

JUNE 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16–20,

30–31

Jn 21:20–25

Sunday

JUNE 5

Pentecost

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

or Rom 8:8–17

Jn 20:19–23 or

Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26