

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 7, 2024 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 4th Saturday.....	4:00 pm
Sunday.....	9:00 am
Wednesday & Friday.....	7:00 am
1st Friday-Pine Haven.....	10:00 am
2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing.....	10:00 am

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

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PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Wednesday & Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist

Sundays 8:00 - 8:45 am St. John Evangelist

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays-3 :00 pm-Blessed Trinity

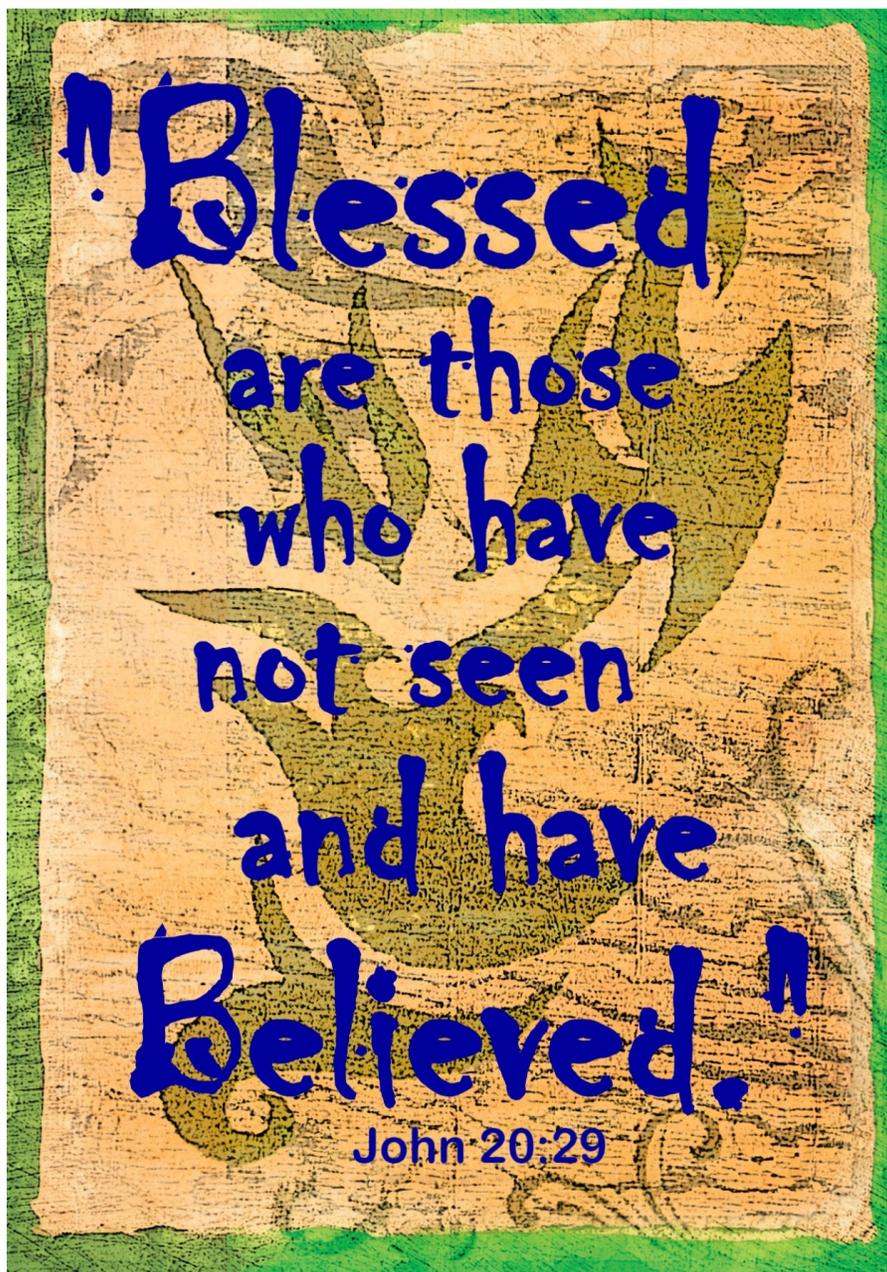
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:-16

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Bulletin Submission Deadline: All requests for bulletin articles must be received by Wednesday noon to be included in that weekend's bulletin. Any articles received after that will be included as space permits. For holiday weeks, the deadline may change. Thank you for your understanding.

From Father Schmeckel:



This Sunday is **the Second Sunday of Easter, or the Sunday of Divine Mercy**. At Mass, we will hear another account of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances to His disciples. Notably, Jesus gives to the disciples the gift of His own peace, and the power to forgive and retain sins. Thomas is also invited to a deeper faith, even though he was absent when Jesus first appeared to his friends.

In this Gospel, **we see the origins of the Sacrament of Penance** (or of Reconciliation or Confession). Jesus gives to the Apostles and to all of their successors, who are Bishops, the power to bind and loose sins. This is a reiteration of what Jesus already said and gave to Peter after his confession (see Matthew 16:19). Over a period of time, in order to bring God's mercy to the growing number of Christians throughout the world, Bishops had to share this authority with their Priests. Today each Priest continues to rely on his Bishop for "faculties" – the explicit authority to hear and absolve sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This connection between a Priest and his Bishop helps maintain a link to those first disciples of Jesus.

This Second Sunday after Easter is also called "**Divine Mercy Sunday**". In 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II gave it this title at the Canonization of Saint Faustina. Saint Faustina was a Polish Sister to whom Jesus appeared several times between the First and Second World War. "The Diary of Saint Faustina" is her record of these communications from the Lord. In His messages to her, Jesus emphasized His mercy that flows from His heart. In his homily, Saint John Paul II quotes her Diary frequently. Jesus told Sister Faustina, "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy." Pope Saint John Paul II goes on to say,

"What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know, however, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of divine mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to the world through Sr Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium."

Saint John Paul II's homily for Saint Faustina's canonization is good and very understandable. To gain a comprehensive sense of her life and Jesus' message of mercy entrusted to her, I encourage you to read it in its entirety. A search for "homily for the canonization of St Faustina" on any search engine will lead you directly to the Vatican website with the [full homily](#).

A simple way to pray and meditate on Jesus' Divine Mercy is by praying the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**. This prayer is prayed on any rosary, and primarily consists of two prayers. On the Our Father beads, the following prayer is said:

*"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, **in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**"*

On each of the ten Hail Mary beads, this prayer is said.

*"For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, **have mercy on us and on the whole world.**"*

(The part in bold is said by everyone when the Chaplet is said in public or by a group)

Let us entrust ourselves, our families, and our parishes, and our families, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from which flows his Divine Mercy!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 6	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Lucy Gilsdorf by Family, †Edward Zimmermann by Family and Friends
Sunday	April 7	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 7	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Ulrich Bartels by Shelly Bartels, Carol Schuessler by Family
Tuesday	April 9	St. John's	8:00 am	†Fr. Joseph Schliessman by Donna Plageman
Tuesday	April 9	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Altmeyer & Daharsh Families by Jeanne Daharsh
Wednesday	April 10	St. John's	7:00 am	†Sr. Josephine by K & S Schmeling
Thursday	April 11	St. John's	8:00 am	†Bud Wagner by Wife
Friday	April 12	St. John's	7:00 am	†Norbert & Adeline Haen by Cate Pearce
Friday	April 12	Prairie Crossing	9:30 am	†Robert Wester by Lisa Mallmann
Saturday	April 13	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Bill Kriesa by Bette Kriesa Kluge & Family
Sunday	April 14	St. John's	9:00 am	†Dick Schaeetz by John & Karen Egan
Sunday	April 14	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, April 13 from 3:00pm and Sunday, April 14 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

THURSDAY ADORATION REMINDER: Because of the Blessed Trinity Parish elevator project, their Thursday morning Mass has been moved from Blessed Trinity Church to St. John Evangelist Church at 8:00 AM. Adoration now begins after this Mass. All are invited to attend Mass and stay for Adoration for a period of time if you can.

LAY MINISTERS FOR APRIL 13/14

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Bill Moffatt	Diane Hart Colleen Kuhn
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Patti Cosgrove	Ken Udovich
Ushers	Tom Gast Rita Gast	Rich Tauferner Peter Bustos
Sacristan	Diane Torke	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

FINANCIAL: MARCH 31, 2024:

Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$3,314.75.

Holy Thursday: \$388.00

Easter Sunday: \$1,490.00



BORN TO ETERNAL

LIFE: Judy Held passed away April 1, 2024. A funeral Mass was be held at St. John's on **Friday, April 12** with visitation from 9:00 - 11:00 am and a Funeral Mass at 11:00 am. Please keep Judy and her family in your prayers.

SUNDAY SOCIAL: There will be a social immediately following the 9:00 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, April 7**. Stop by and enjoy a sweet treat and come coffee. The social is hosted by the Pastoral Council.



EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 am Mass
8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 am Mass
4:00 - 5:15 pm Religious Education
4K- Grade 6
6:45 - 8:00 pm Religious Education
Grades 7 - 12

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
2:00 pm Bible Study

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

Peace
BE WITH YOU!

Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation
invites you to

Young Adult Mass & Social at King Park

Join other Sheboygan County young adults in their 20s and 30s for Mass in the King Park Pavilion followed by food and games! Bring a side to share, and a friend! The main course and drinks will be provided.



Date:

Saturday, April 27

Time:

6:30 PM Mass
Social to follow

Location:

King Park Pavilion
1615 S. 7th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Questions:

Contact Jacqueline at
jguilbeault@sjbplymouth.org

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER

OPEN HOUSE:

On **THIS Saturday, April 6** from 5:00-5:45 pm and on **Sunday, April 21** from

11:30 am - 12:15 pm, stop by

after Mass at Blessed Trinity Parish to see the Catholic Life Center renovations, learn more about the Catholic Life Center, and enjoy a treat.



FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please pray for the six First Communion students and eleven Confirmation students who will be attending Sacramental Preparation Retreats this upcoming week.

- ◇ To continue their preparation for First Eucharist/First Communion, Second Grade students and their Parents will have their Retreat next Wednesday, April 19 here at St. John Evangelist Parish. First Eucharist/First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 5 at the 9:00 AM Mass.
- ◇ The Confirmation students will be headed to the Holy Hill on Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14, along with DRE Teresa Bettag and Lisa Gross and Catechist Ken Udovich, as well as students from Blessed Trinity to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation that will take place at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 13 at St. John Evangelist Parish.

Caring for Children- Providing a Safe Environment:

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Since April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, it's a good time for us 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



Walking with Jesus - Lent 2024

While "Walking with Jesus" during the Lenten Season, students in Religious Education Classes (4K-Grade 6) donated and collected new socks as an alms-giving project. This past Wednesday 4th Graders counted the socks. 205 pairs of socks will be donated to the Sheboygan St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store for distribution or for

sale. Thank you to all who contributed to our Lenten Service Project!

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

Safer Driving May Save You Money

Take the AARP Smart Driver™ classroom course and you could save money on your car insurance!*

- Refresh your driving skills and explore the latest traffic laws.
- Understand the importance of proper maintenance of your vehicle.
- Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel.

There's a course near you! Sign up today!

Date: April 23, 2024

Time: 12:30PM to 4:30PM

Location:

Blessed Trinity Parish 115 Summer Street Sheboygan Falls WI

To Register:

(920) 467-4616

CLASSROOM COURSE	TO FIND A COURSE NEAR YOU:
\$20 for AARP members \$25 for non-members	Call 1-888-773-7160 or visit www.aarp.org/driving44



* Upon completion you may be eligible to receive an auto insurance discount. Other restrictions may apply. Consult your agent for details.

2024 Lenten Almsgiving: 2024 Lenten Almsgiving: Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to our Lenten Almsgiving Focus for 2024. Our parishes have truly put their faith into action. Together, Blessed Trinity and Saint John Evangelist Parishes have collected: \$25,474.

Young mothers will have the opportunity to pursue a college degree, which will help them provide for their families!!! Again, your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

~Sharon Reilly and John Egan, Human Concerns Social Justice Committee

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP:

The Catholic Life Center will be hosting a pilgrimage to visit The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion WI on **Friday, June 14**. The bus will leave Blessed Trinity Parish parking lot at 8:00 am and arrive back around 4:30 pm. During the pilgrimage, there will be opportunities for Mass, Confessions, and the rosary. Cost is \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child. Bring your own bag lunch or purchase a box lunch for an additional \$10.00 per person. Space is limited. Registration forms are located in the Gathering Space and are due by May 20.



Join others for Eucharistic Revival Speaker, Deacon Dave Sheuer, on **April 10th** from **6:15-7:15pm** in the church at St. John the Baptist, Plymouth, WI.

Through heartfelt stories and personal reflections, the speaker, and author of the book, "A Glimpse of Heaven on Earth," will invite you on a journey of faith, exploration, and intimate encounters with the divine, offering you the opportunity to peer beyond the veil of everyday life into the mysteries of the Catholic faith, and offering glimpses of the profound spiritual experiences that lie within. His witness will provide a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and guide you to a deeper understanding of the sanctity of the Mass and the transformative power of the Eucharist.

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

April 10th, 2024
6:15-7:15pm
St. John the Baptist

Guest speaker
DEACON DAVE SHEUER





CLC Calendar

April 2024



- April 2 -CLC Committee Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 3 -**Divine Mercy: Proclaim this Message**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 4 -**Service Project: Making Cards for Meals on Wheels**, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- April 4 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 5 -First Friday Coffee after 7:00 am Mass in SJE-GS
- April 6 -**CLC Open House** after 4:00 pm Mass at BT, 5:00-5:45 pm, CLC-MR/AR
- April 8 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 9 -**Spring Potluck**, 12:00-1:00 pm, SJE-GS
- April 10 -**Divine Mercy: Fatima**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 10 -Movie Matinee, *Sully*, 1:30-3:30 pm, CLC-MR
- April 11 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 14 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: Preparing for Sacrifice**, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE-Classroom
- April 15 -**Sheboygan County Historical Research Center Tour and Education on Researching Families**, 518 Water Street, Sheboygan Falls, 3:30-5:00 pm, Registration required.
- April 16 -**Make a Flower Mug Bouquet**, 9:30-11:00 am, CLC-MR, Registration required.
- April 17 -**Divine Mercy: The Secret of Divine Mercy**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 18 -**Tiny Saints Story Time**, 10:00-10:45 am, SJE-Classrooms
- April 18 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 18 -Adult Card Social, 6:30-9:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 20 -BT/SJE Senior Social 55+ after 4:00 pm Mass at BT, CLC-Cafe
- April 21 -**CLC Open House** after 10:30 am Mass at BT, 11:30 am-12:15 pm, CLC-MR/AR
- April 22 -Adult Card Party, 1:00-4:00 pm, CLC-MR
- April 23 -**AARP Driving Class**, 12:30-4:30 pm, CLC-MR, Registration required.
- April 24 -**Divine Mercy: God's Master Plan**, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-MR
- April 25 -**Service Project: Making Cards for Pine Haven**, 10:00-11:30 am, CLC-MR
- April 25 -Bible Study, 2:00-3:00 pm, SJE-LLCR
- April 28 -Bishop Barron's **The Mass: The Real Presence Creates Communion**, after 9:00 am Mass, SJE-Classroom
- April 30 -**St. Thomas Aquinas: The Theologian**, A Pivotal Player Film by Bishop Barron, 10:00-11:15 am, CLC-MR

Upcoming Dates

- June 14 -Bus Trip to Our Lady of Good Help, Champion, WI

Register for events or call with questions – Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext 314.



CLC-MR, CLC-AR, and CLC-PMR refer to the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room, Assembly Room, and Parish Meeting Room in our facility adjacent to Blessed Trinity Church. CLCG refers to the Catholic Life Center Former School Gym. SJE-LLCR and SJE refers to the St. John Evangelist's Lower Level Conference Room.

Dear Padre,

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Pope John Paul II declared Sr. Faustina Kowalska a saint of the Church on April 30, 2000, and in a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that [we] will experience in the years to come.”

Saint Faustina was born in 1905 and spent most of her life in Poland, in the Congregation of the Virgin Mary of Mercy. She experienced an extraordinary union with God. She received exceptional graces, revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, the ability to read souls, and the gift of prophecy.

One of the images that was revealed to Faustina was that of the merciful Jesus, touching his Sacred Heart, from which beams of red and white light came forth. This image and her devotion to the divine mercies gathered thousands of supporters throughout the world. We still see the traditional image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in many of our churches today. In some churches, we might see the newer image, inspired by the saint. Saint Faustina Kowalska died in 1938 at the age of thirty-three, leaving an impressive mystical legacy. She is a disciple of God’s divine mercy for the twenty-first century. ●



[The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org](http://TheRedemptorists/DearPadre.org)

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>
Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we rediscover the heart of Christ, the Lord’s mercy.

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022