

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 21, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

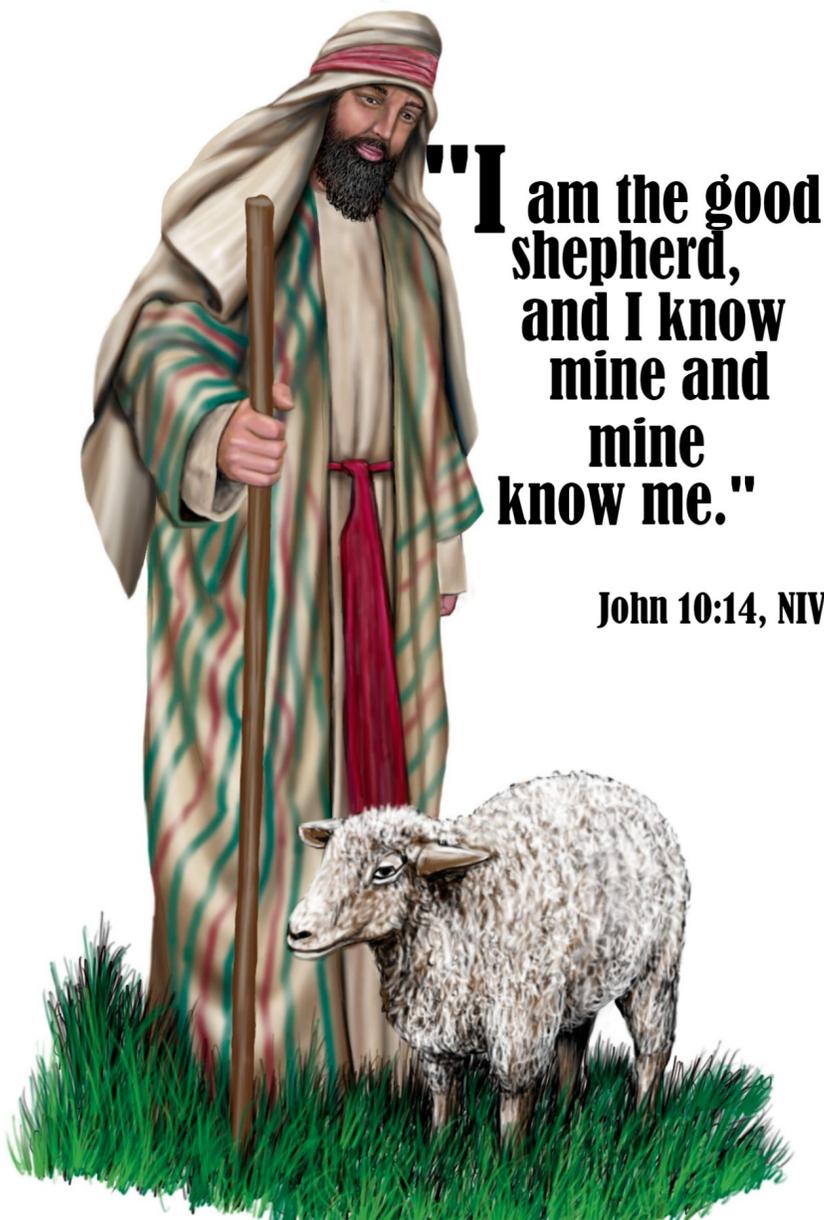
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18



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:

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday has been designated as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Pope Francis wrote the following in his message on vocations this year:



“Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and builder of peace!”

I ask each of you **to take some time this week to pray for many diverse vocations** to flow out of the life of our parishes. Young and not so young people of our parishes are being called to greatness and holiness – as religious brothers or sisters, as husbands or wives, as priests, as deacons, or single people generously living their lives for the good of others. Each of these vocations do not just magically happen. Vocations flow from parishes and homes and families with people who frequent the Sacraments, attend Mass, and pray together regularly.

It is important to note that vocations do not come from perfect families either. There are no ‘perfect’ families, except the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Even if your family life is messy, or still working to figure things out, or making occasional missteps, God continues to offer His grace, His mercy, and His love. He is still calling and inviting young men and women and others to come and follow Him by saying ‘yes’ to their vocation in life.

A small note regarding new priest assignments: You may have noticed that Father Michael and I have each been named the “Parochial Administrator” of our respective parishes, rather than “Parish Administrator”. This is a small, technical change that follows the language in the Canon Law (Catholic Church law). If you read about other priest assignments, you will also notice a change in the title of “associate pastors” – priests who assist a pastor or administrator. These priests are now called “parochial vicars”. Again, this is a technical change in practice that follows the legal church language and the terminology of many other dioceses in the United States.

ST. STANISLAUS ANNUAL HOLY HILL PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE:

Will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Holy Hill (1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus). Full Pilgrimage begins at 8:00 am in the lower parking lot and will be shuttled to the beginning of the trail. Mass will be held at the trail head at 9:30 am. Following Mass, walk the 4.5 miles along the Ice Age Trail to the lower parking lot and meet up with the Partial Pilgrimage people. Rosary begins at 1:00 pm with Benediction at 2:00 pm. After Benediction, join fellow pilgrims for a picnic including food and drinks for a free will offering. More information and to online registration can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFB6leVI-41xoc0-GVDVjbGzdWJd4zktfjaEKJutXcem07UA/viewform> or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

WALK TO MARY: AN AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY, MAY 4:

Walk to Mary is a 21-mile pilgrimage that begins at the National Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on St. Norbert College campus in DePere and ends at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Champion. Shorter routes are available, and people will be present during the walk to aid weary walkers.

See the poster on the bulletin board, email info.walktomary@gmail.com, or call 888-838-4514 for more information or to sign up for the walk.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 20	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Brian Woveras by Sue Woveras, †Victor & Helen Kampmann and Thomas McPherson by Family
Sunday	April 21	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	April 21	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	†Dan Sagunsky by Tim & Bonnie Eigenberger, †Stephen Voitek by Mike & Chris Nett
Tuesday	April 23	St. John's	8:00 am	†Sr. Pauline by Donna Plageman
Tuesday	April 23	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Wally Dobrzynski by Family
Wednesday	April 24	St. John's	7:00 am	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand. Carol Mertzig, and Robert Salava by Family
Thursday	April 25	St. John's	8:00 am	†Kaye Wagner by Family
Friday	April 26	St. John's	7:00 am	†Fred Stanish by Cynthia Evanoff
Saturday	April 27	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Baldwin Family by Richard Klein
Sunday	April 28	St. John's	9:00 am	†Sr. Josephine by K & S Schmeling
Sunday	April 28	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, April 27 from 3:00pm and Sunday, April 28 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR APRIL 27/28		
MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Carter Udovich	Hollyann B. Elizabeth Steger
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Judy Loth	Clyde or Sharon Kometer
Ushers	Ken Udovich Randy Miller	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil

FINANCIAL: APRIL 13/14:
Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$10,204.36.

ROSARY LEADERS: The month of May is the month of Mary. We are looking for individuals or couples to say the rosary 20 minutes prior to the weekend Masses in May. If you are willing to do this, please contact Rich at 920-918-5066. **Special Note: There will be no rosary said on Sunday, May 5 because First Eucharist/Communion will be celebrated at the 9:00 AM Mass.**



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULING - SIGN UP GENIUS : Father has done a signup genius for servers to sign up for a Mass. Please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9AB28A7F4C43-48910420-saint#/> to sign up.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 am Mass
8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society
6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice
6:45 - 7:45 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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 25

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am Reconciliation
9:00 am Mass

MASS OF THANKSGIVING: On **Monday, May 20 at 5:30 pm** at Holy Name of Jesus in Sheboygan, Deacon Charles Luke will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving. Please pray for Deacon Luke and his classmates as they prepare to be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 18 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee.

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.

Tutus Tuus Adult Volunteers Needed - June 24-28:

St. John Evangelist Totus Tuus Religious Education Week of fun and learning needs Adult Volunteers from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM to 3:15 PM each day. Tasks include helping with learning sessions and with group activities. Join us for a few days or for the entire week. Adult Volunteers must have Safe Environment Training and should plan on attending a pre-Totus Tuus Information Session on Monday, June 17 at St. John's. Watch the Bulletin for additional details or contact Jeanne Bitkers, DRE 4K-Grade 6 for more information.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today is the 4th Sunday of Easter. In Acts, we continue to revel in the boldness of Peter and the early Church and in the Gospel, we are reminded of the extravagant love of God through His son, Jesus who tells us that "I AM the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep." This day is also set aside as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis where he asks us "to respond to the call and mission that the Lord entrusts to each of us..." Do you believe that you have a vocation, meaning "a call" from God? That He needs you to help Him with making disciples of all nations and spreading the good news? That Jesus has risen from the dead and by so doing, has defeated sin, death and Satan thereby giving us a chance to be with Him forever in Paradise, IF we choose to obey God and His commandments? Each time we come to Mass, we hear great stories of our salvation history and this week at Mass, each reading and the psalm are SO good!! For all of its content and mystery, the Bible, which is God's love letter to us, is really very simple. God made man, out of love, to be loved and for love. Man rejected God. God won't give up until He rescues and redeems (buys back) man from the clutches of the evil one. If there are a thousand steps between us and God, He will relentlessly pursue us, except for the final step; He will leave that choice up to us. Why? Because God respects our freedom, for true love is freely given and freely received. So how do you know your vocation from God? Start by praying and spending time with Jesus in silence. Ask Him to reveal where He needs you. You know what ignites your passion and purpose-those gifts and talents you have are for your mission. Remind yourself, like St. John tells us in today's 2nd reading, that you are beloved children of God, so allow yourself to "be loved." Then keep coming to Mass, for belonging to a family of fellow believers reinforces your faith, and God honors radical, risk-taking, obedient faith. For when arks are built, lives are saved and the life that is saved, may just be your own! See you at Mass!-Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATES:



- **CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER OPEN HOUSE:** 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.
- **WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY SHEEPSHEAD?:** Instructors will be available from **1:00-2:30 pm on Thursday, May 9** in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity. Contact Mary in the CLC at (920)467-4616 Ext. 314 or maryw@btsje.org. The class is free, but registration is needed.
- **BISHOP BARRON'S MASS SERIES:** On **Sunday, April 28** immediately following the 9:00 am Mass at St. John Evangelist Parish in classroom 8. Be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Snacks will be provided.



MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY - THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: Enter into the Mysteries of the Rosary and Rediscover its Power! An authentic encounter with Christ leads to our transformation and sanctification. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of each of us.

The call to pray is urgent. Please join us in the church at Blessed Trinity Parish for each half-hour episode, and then stay to pray the Rosary with us, as a community, afterwards!

Seven episodes on seven evenings: **Mondays May 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th** starting at **6:00 PM. Saturdays May 4th and 18th, and Saturday June 1st, following the 4:00 PM Mass (approximately 5:15 PM).** ~Jim O'Neill

This past weekend, April 13-14, confirmands from SJE and BT traveled to Holy Hill for their Confirmation retreat!! The setting was "beauty full" and the weather was gorgeous, so God provided a perfect weekend to spend dedicated time with Him and one another. Fr. Schmeckel graciously spent the entire day on Saturday with us, where he led us in educational sessions that were informative, yet fun! Later in the day, our seminarian Jacob joined us for a Q & A session, along with a meal, then he and Fr. Schmeckel provided time for Eucharistic Adoration, Confession with Fr. and a vigil Mass for our Sunday



obligation! In between, the students went on a tour of Holy Hill and saw the stunning church, chapel, and vista, along with walking and praying the Stations of the Cross. On Sunday, there were talks given by Mrs. Bettag before heading home at noon. Other chaperones were DRE Lisa of BT and SJE catechist Ken. The Holy Spirit was also very present as we learned that Confirmation is a "new Pentecost!" This great sacrament will be received by our confirmands on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2pm at SJE. Please keep all of these students in your prayers. Thank you.-Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12



Second Grade Children and their Parents attended their First Eucharist/Communion Retreat on Wednesday, April 10th here at St. John Evangelist Parish. Fr. Schmeckel gave them a tour of the Church and pointed out the many things that are seen and used during Mass and at other times. Parents met with John O'Dell, Co-Director of the Catholic Life Center and had the opportunity to consider ways that they could continue to be the first teachers of faith for their children. After a snack consisting of bread and grape juice – a reminder of the bread and wine that is changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus at the Mass, students and parents worked together to make Banners that will be hung on their pews on May 5th at the Mass when they will receive their First Communion!



For Sheboygan County Children and Teens



**St. John Evangelist
Parish - Kohler
June 23 - 28, 2024**

Day Program:

**Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00
pm**

Grades 1-6

Evening Program:

**Sunday - Thursday 6:30 - 8:45 pm
Grades 7-12**

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week!
Learn about the Apostles Creed and the
Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while
growing in your relationship with the
Lord. See you there!

Contact the Religious Education Office
with any questions.



More information and registration form at: stjohnkohler.org

Dear Padre,

My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, but he and his wife go to a Protestant church. How should I deal with my frustration?

Many parents and grandparents today share your frustration. They raised their children Catholic, maybe even sent them to Catholic schools, but the children have grown up and chosen not to continue to be faithful Catholics. A recent survey showed that nine out of ten people say they believe in God, but often they are not committed to a single religion or house of worship. About half of the people questioned attend religious services less than once a month, or never. The loyalty to one Church that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is lacking in today's people under age fifty-five.

What can one do about this situation? Certainly pray for your children and continue to give a good example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church and attendance at Sunday Mass. Invite your son and his wife to attend with you when they visit. As your children age, they may become more interested in your family's history and traditions, and the religion of their childhood may again appear attractive. Try to be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 12:44-50	1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone.... He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God....The Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone. Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves all of us.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021

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