

# WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



APRIL 28, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASS SCHEDULE

|                                  |          |
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| 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

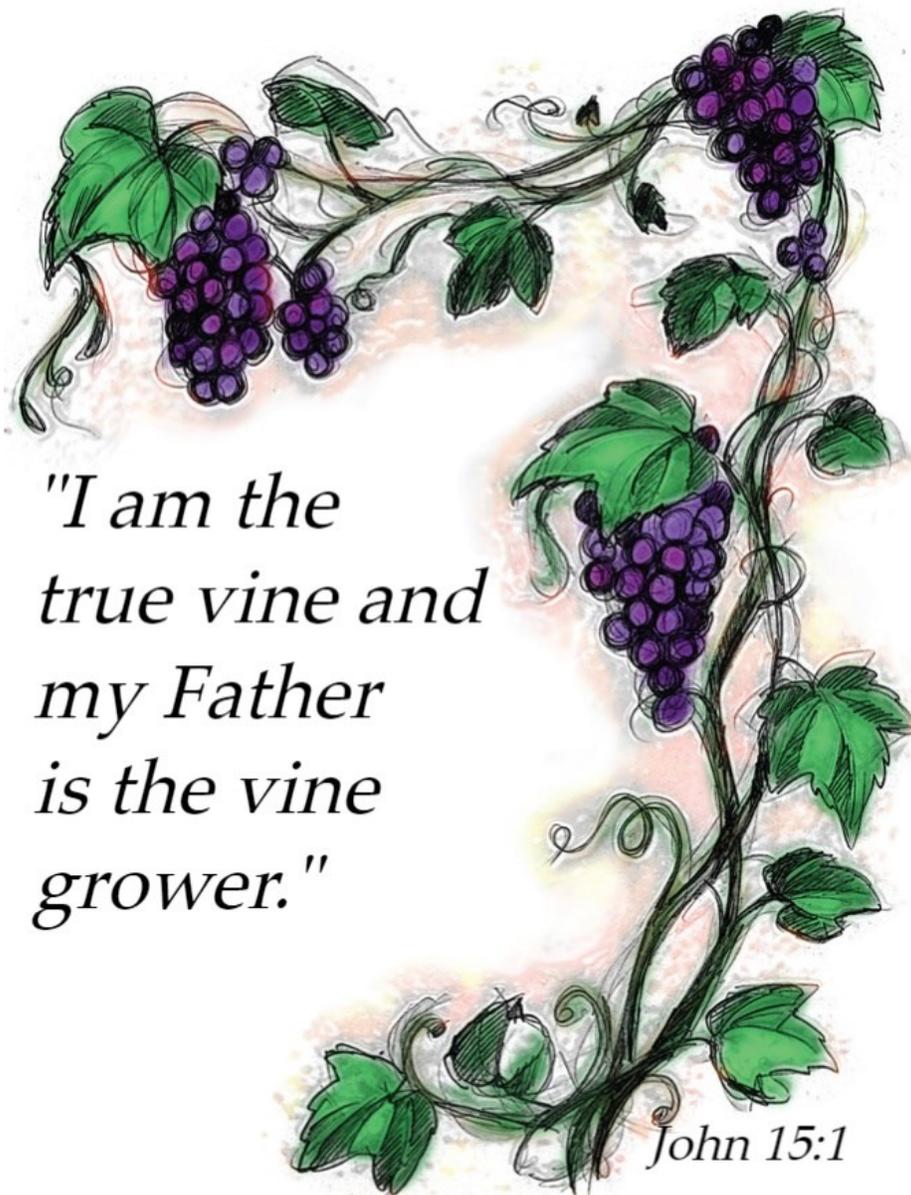
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

## Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



*"I am the  
true vine and  
my Father  
is the vine  
grower."*

*John 15:1*

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:



In this Sunday's bulletin, I would like to draw your attention to one particular part of the Mass called the "Preface". This marks the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer itself. Some of this may seem a bit technical, but hopefully it will help us to be more attentive to the prayers when we hear them at Mass. The preface begins with the "dialogue" parts. Every Preface begins with the following.

The priest says or sings: *"The Lord be with you."*

The people reply: *"And with your spirit."*

The priest continues: *"Lift up your hearts."*

The people reply: *"We lift them up to the Lord."*

The priest: *"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."*

The people's response: *"It is right and just."*

Then the priest continues the Preface which is directed to give glory and thanks to God the Father. The first part of the priest's prayer is identical at almost every Mass:

*"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord."*

During the Easter Season, however, it changes to the following:

*"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,  
but in this time above all  
to laud you yet more gloriously,  
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed."*

Let's look at a few of the particular changes. During Easter, we hear in the words of the prayer that it is our responsibility "in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously...". In other words, during these fifty days after Easter Sunday, our celebration and joyfulness should be even greater than it is during the rest of the year, and that we should praise and thank God even more than we do at other times. Especially now, as we come to these final weeks of Easter, this prayer at Mass should challenge us, and we should ask: **Are we still celebrating Easter with joy?** Do we have some behaviors to continue to express and celebrate our Easter joy - such as eating a dessert, saying an extra prayer together as a family, or taking time to play a game together? All fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost (on May 19) should be characterized by a special sense of good cheer and gratitude.

The emphasis always comes back to the Crucifixion. Each of the Preface prayers remind us that "Christ our Passover has been sacrificed." This is a constant reminder that Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead only comes through His death on the cross. This is why the Crucifix stands as the center point of our churches and our celebration of the Mass. It is through the suffering and death of Jesus that each of us is led to the newness of life with God and that the gates of heaven are thrown open for us.

# MASS INTENTIONS

|                 |                 |                        |                |   |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>April 27</b> | <b>St. John's</b>      | <b>4:00 pm</b> | †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 am       | Mass for Parishioners   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>April 30</b> | <b>St. John's</b>      | <b>8:00 am</b> | †Craig & Arlene Underhill by Chuck & Jane Waldoch   |
| Tuesday         | April 30        | Blessed Trinity        | 6:00 pm        | Special Intention for Allison Norman on the Anniversary of her Confirmation by Kathy & Joe Komaromy |
| Wednesday       | May 1           | St. John's             | 7:00 am        | †Hermine Grasse by Catholic Women's Charity Club  |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>May 2</b>    | <b>St. John's</b>      | <b>8:00 am</b> | †Kyle Wagner by Grandparents  |
| Friday          | May 3           | St. John's             | 7:00 am        | †Private Intention  |
| Friday          | May 3           | Pine Haven             | 10:00 am       | †Patricia Clements by Ann Scheibl   |
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>May 4</b>    | <b>Blessed Trinity</b> | <b>4:00 pm</b> | †Edwin & Delores Sabel and Jane Ornelas by Family, †Kyle Wagner by Mom & Dad                        |
| Sunday          | May 5           | St. John's             | 9:00 am        | Mass for Parishioners   |
| Sunday          | May 5           | Blessed Trinity        | 10:30 pm       | †John & Alena Markgraf by Paul Morgan Family, †Stephen Voitek by Mike & Chris Nett                  |

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, May 4 at 3:00 pm and at St. John Evangelist Parish on Friday, May 3 from 6:00 - 6:45 am and Sunday, May 5 from 8:00 - 8:30 am.

| LAY MINISTERS FOR MAY 5                   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| MASSES                                    | Sunday, 9:00 am                 |
| Lectors                                   | Steve O'Neil<br>Charlotte B.    |
| Servers                                   | Anthony B.<br>Annaliese B.      |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Rich Tauferner                  |
| Ushers                                    | Tom Reilly<br>Jim Sarafin       |
| Sacristan                                 | Julia Rodemeier<br>Steve O'Neil |
| Greeters                                  | The Sarafins                    |

**FINANCIAL: APRIL 21:** Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$2,412.01.

 **ROSARY LEADERS:** The month of May is the month of Mary. The rosary is prayed 20 minutes prior to each weekend Mass. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to lead the Rosary:  
 Sunday, May 5: No Rosary (First Eucharist/Communion)  
 Saturday, May 11: Lorrie Free  
 Sunday, May 12: Peter Guske  
 Sunday, May 19: Rick Michaletz  
 Saturday, May 25: Susan Vavra  
 Sunday, May 26: Rich Tauferner

**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.

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| <b>SATURDAY, APRIL 27</b> |                             |
| 3:00 pm                   | Reconciliation              |
| 4:00 pm                   | Mass                        |
| <b>SUNDAY, APRIL 28</b>   |                             |
| 8:00 - 8:45 am            | Reconciliation              |
| 9:00 am                   | Mass                        |
| <b>TUESDAY, APRIL 30</b>  |                             |
| 8:00 am                   | Mass                        |
| 8:30 - 11:00 am           | Mission Society             |
| 6:30 - 8:00 pm            | Choir Practice              |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1</b>   |                             |
| 7:00 am                   | Mass                        |
| 4:00 - 5:00 pm            | First Communion Practice    |
| <b>THURSDAY, MAY 2</b>    |                             |
| 8:00 am                   | Mass                        |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 pm         | Adoration                   |
| 2:00 pm                   | Bible Study                 |
| 3:00 pm                   | Buildings & Grounds Meeting |
| <b>FRIDAY, MAY 3</b>      |                             |
| 7:00 am                   | Mass                        |
| 7:30 am                   | First Friday Social         |
| <b>SUNDAY, MAY 5</b>      |                             |
| 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.

**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.

**TOTUS TUUS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED - JUNE 23-28:** We are looking for **2 HOST FAMILIES** to provide sleeping arrangements, a morning continental breakfast, a light meal on Sunday evening and possibly some snacks for four College-age Students who will be leading our Totus Tuus Summer Vacation Bible School Program. The team needs two "host homes," one for the young men and one for the young women. Housing of team members takes place from their arrival Saturday afternoon until their departure the following Friday evening or Saturday morning. The interaction at host homes is valuable for both the team members and the families. Because of the team's schedule and their daily work in the parish with our children/teens, however, they will be gone for most of the day and may occasionally be late getting home due to their evening work. Each team will provide their own transportation to and from the parish. To volunteer to serve as a HOST FAMILY or for more information please contact: Jeanne Bitkers [jeanne@btsje.org](mailto:jeanne@btsje.org) or the St. John Evangelist Parish Office 920-452-9623.



**FATHER SCHMECKEL'S FAREWELL PARTY:** Will be held at Lost Woods Park in Kohler on Sunday, June 16. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

**MOM AND KIDS PLAYGROUPOUP:** Join fellow Catholic moms and kids in fellowship and friendship every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Questions? Contact Maria Schuette at 920-309-2418.

**May 10 & 24:** Green Tree Park in Kohler (Intersection of Green Tree Rd and School St. down the hill from St. John Evangelist Parish)

**June 7 & 21:** River Park, Sheboygan Falls

**July 12 & 26:** Deland Park, Sheboygan

**August 9 & 23:** Firehouse Park, Sheboygan



**FOOD PANTRY** **SHEBOYGAN FALLS FOOD PANTRY:** Please continue to bring **non-perishable** goods for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. Special reminder from Heidi O'Neill: "The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry appreciates the many donations that are made to us throughout the year. However, we are unable to accept any outdated items, as this poses a possible risk to our clients. Thank you for your understanding and thank you for the many donations that you make to the pantry." **Next Delivery: Monday, April 6, 2024: Jenny Grose.**

**GO WITH GOD:** 4K-Grade 6 Students and Catechists gathered after our last Religious Education Mass of the 2023-24 year to pray for Fr Schmeckel, to thank him and to bid him a fond farewell. Students and teachers also gave him a Spiritual Bouquet. The "bouquet" was created out of paper and each flower included Students and Catechists individual promises of prayers. It can be seen in the Gathering Space in the back of Church this weekend. ~Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6



**Spiritual Bouquets** are a Catholic tradition that involve the presentation or promise of prayers or acts of charity, mercy, or devotion that an individual or a group has or will offer for someone as a gift. The idea of a Spiritual Bouquet is that each individual prayer once prayed, or act once completed, becomes like a flower. Joined together they form a bouquet offered to God for a particular person or intention.

## 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.



St. John Evangelist parishioners volunteer at Rocky Knoll for a volunteer gathering. St. John's hosts bingo each first Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Bette Kreisa-Kluge at [rbckluge@gmail.com](mailto:rbckluge@gmail.com).

## 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

## 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-GVDVjbGzdWJd4zkfjaEKJutXcem07UA/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](mailto:info.walktomary@gmail.com), or call 888-838-4514 for more information or to sign up for the walk.

# Safe Environment Week - April 21-27, 2024

## A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE:

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace  
in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM DID YOU KNOW....

**Did you know....**In 2023 in the Archdiocese, over 250 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 4,400 adults trained, over 7,900 criminal background checks were conducted, and about 40,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

**Did you know....**All clergy, employees and volunteers are mandatory reporters and are instructed to contact local law enforcement or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused,

**Did you know....**All seminarians and candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee undergo criminal background checks, Safe Environment Education training in child abuse prevention, interviews, psychological evaluations, classes and workshops on human sexuality, and mandatory reporter training.

**Did you know....**All clergy, employees, and volunteers are required to meet all of the requirements of safe environment certification. Certification includes participating in training on recognizing signs of abuse and neglect, identifying grooming behaviors, training in maintaining boundaries, and mandatory reporting, reviewing the Code of Ethical Standards and the Social Media and Digital Communication Policy, and undergoing a criminal background check. Certification is required prior to beginning ministry and subsequently every five years.

## SAFEGUARDING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

Safe environment education training sessions are conducted around the Archdiocese. Go to: <https://www.archmil.org/offices/safeguarding/Safeguarding-Events.htm> to view a list of dates available and to register. All volunteers that work with children need to attend a Safeguarding class. Please take advantage of this online opportunity. You only need to take the class once. Any questions? Please contact the parish office at [stjohnnev@btsje.org](mailto:stjohnnev@btsje.org) or 920-452-9623.

# Dear Padre,

**Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?**

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32–35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



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## The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  | SUNDAY   |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| April 29<br><i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Acts 14:5–18<br>Jn 14:21–26 | April 30<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 14:19–28<br>Jn 14:27–31a | May 1<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 15:1–6<br>Jn 15:1–8 | May 2<br><i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Acts 15:7–21<br>Jn 15:9–11 | May 3<br><i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i><br>1 Cor 15:1–8<br>Jn 14:6–14 | May 4<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 16:1–10<br>Jn 15:18–21 | May 5<br><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i><br>Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48<br>1 Jn 4:7–10<br>Jn 15:9–17 |



RICCARDO DE LUCA / SHUTTERSTOCK

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.**

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021