

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 12, 2024 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM

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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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Rich Tauferner Norma Horne

Nick Cinquepalmi Paul Gami

Rita Gast Carol Marksteiner

Rick Michaletz

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

Michael Pellegrino, Trustee Secretary

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

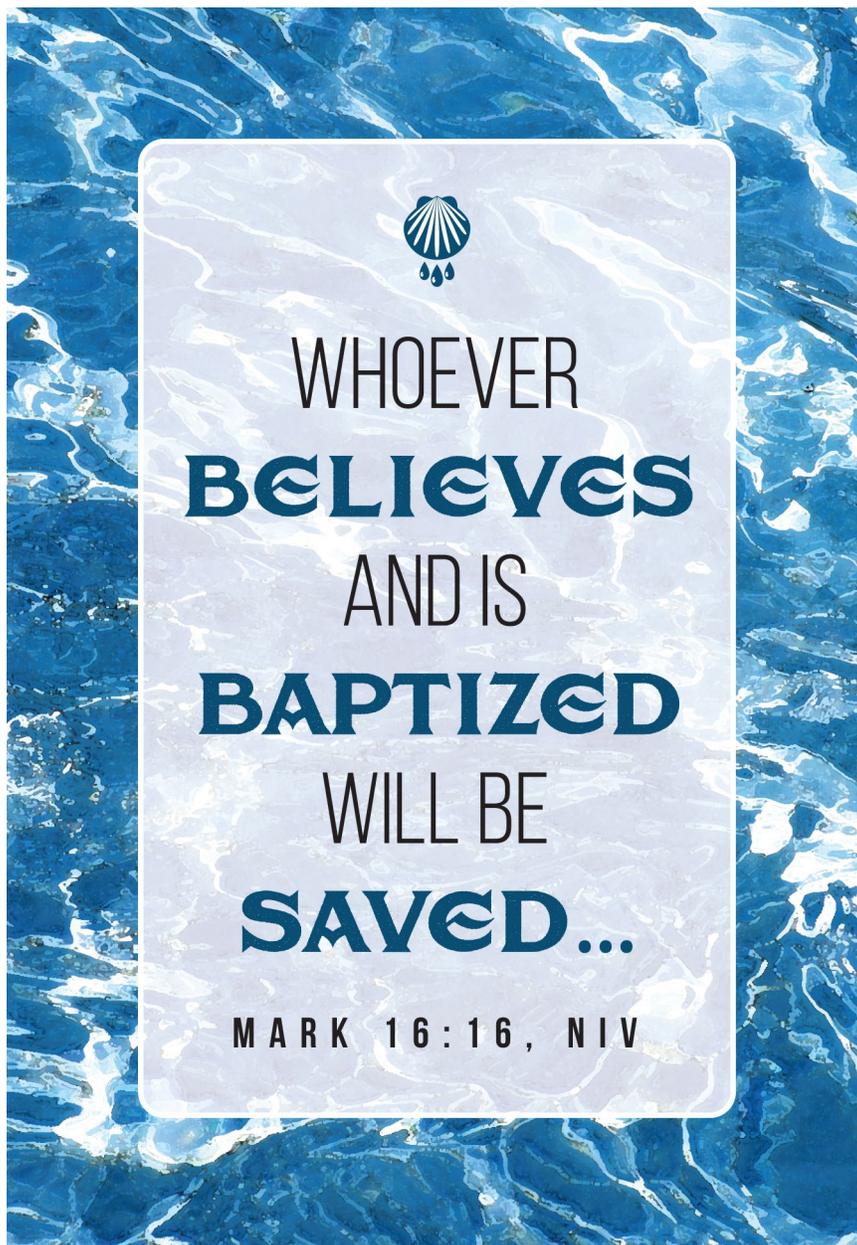
2nd & 4th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

Readings for The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



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, approximately forty days after Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, we celebrate **the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, when He was "taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19) In my estimation, this is one of two feast days in the Church's calendar that is both underappreciated and undercelebrated. In reality the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord is one of the most important realities of our faith.

Pope Benedict wrote that in the Ascension, Jesus has "eternally opened up within God a space for humanity." In other words, because Jesus returns to His Father – fully God and fully human – He brings our humanity with Him into the life of God. This means that everything about our humanity except sin, is called to be part of God. This includes the ordinary things in our daily lives like eating, cleaning, reading, working diligently, and praying. All of these should be part of our gift to God, as should the momentous things in life like Baptisms, First Communions, Weddings, Funerals and other special events.

Some questions we might consider as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord: Do we take seriously the important happenings in our lives as well as the plain and ordinary aspects of each day? Do we believe that these are times when God speaks to us and calls us to life with Him? **Do we look for God in every human aspect of our lives?**

We hear in the Gospel of today's Mass that when Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave the Apostles a final "task". He said to the Eleven Apostles, "Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." This is the last command that He gave the Apostles before returning to the Father. As we celebrate the Ascension this year, it is a good time for us, as individuals, as families, and as a parish, to ask: **Is bringing people to Jesus and teaching them about Jesus the most important reality in my life?** Too often, we get caught up in lots of practical things in parish and family life – budgets, calendars, and material things. All of these are important and necessary realities of life – but the "why" of all these considerations is Jesus and a friendship with Him. Evangelization and proclamation of the Gospel are essential to the Christian life.

Monday, May 13 is the celebration of **Our Lady of Fatima**. In 1917, Mary appeared to a group of children in Fatima, Portugal.

May 14 is the **Feast of Saint Matthias**. Matthias was one of the seventy-two disciples sent out by Jesus (see Luke 10:) and was eventually chosen to be counted among the Twelve Apostles as the replacement for Judas after he betrayed our Lord.

May 15 is the **Memorial of Saint Isidore the Farmer**. Isidore was a Spanish farmer who lived from 1070 to 1130. He is known for being a man of prayer and diligence in his daily labors. He was canonized in 1622 alongside of St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. While these others are famous theologians or missionaries, St. Isidore was a farmer who did the ordinary things of life. As such, his life is a reminder to each of us that we are called to become Saints by doing our daily work and fulfilling our obligations - no matter what our state of life is.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 11	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Ed & Alice Waldoch by Chuck & Jane Waldoch
Sunday	May 12	St. John's	9:00 am	†Chuck Graf by Mel & Lorrie Free
Sunday	May 12	Blessed Trinity	10:30 am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday	May 14	St. John's	8:00 am	†Louis & Agnes Billmann by LuAnne Immel & Rick Rammer
Tuesday	May 14	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	†Warren & Rosemary Eigenberger by Paul & Jessica Jensen
Wednesday	May 15	St. John's	7:00 am	Deceased Members of the Tauferner & Schwebel Families by Rich Tauferner
Thursday	May 16	St. John's	8:00 am	†Rosalie Klingbeil & John Buechler by Family
Friday	May 17	St. John's	7:00 am	†Frank Plesetz by Kathy & Family
Saturday	May 18	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †John Klopf Sr. by Family, †Victory & Helen Kampmann & Thomas McPherson by Family
Sunday	May 19	St. John's	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners
Sunday	May 19	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	†Eugene McCabe by Marilyn McCabe, †Alphonse & Rosemary Reiter and Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at Blessed Trinity Parish on Saturday, May 18 at 3:00 pm.

LAY MINISTERS FOR MAY 19

MASSES	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lectors	Susan Vavra
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Katchkey
Ushers	Steve O'Neill Peter Guske
Sacristan	Diane Hart
Greeters	Tracy Kissel

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:
 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

WELCOME TO THE PARISH: We are pleased to welcome the following new parishioners to the St. John Evangelist Parish:
 Michael & Ellen Houser
 Arlene Nedobeck



FATHER SCHMECKEL'S FAREWELL PARTY: Will be held at Lost Woods Park in Kohler on Sunday, June 16 from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 11

3:00 pm	Reconciliation
3:40 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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

TUESDAY, May 14

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7:00 am	Mass
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THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:00 am	Mass
8:30 am - 9:00 pm	Adoration
10:00 - 10:45 am	Tiny Saints Storytime
2:00 pm	Bible Study

FRIDAY, MAY 17

7:00 am	Mass
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SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 am	Reconciliation
8:40 am	Rosary
9:00 am	Mass

CATHOLIC LIFE CENTER UPDATE:

Protecting Your Personal/Financial Information session has been rescheduled. It will be held on **Tuesday, July 16** from 10:00 - 11:00 am at St. John Evangelist Parish. Please sign up with Mary at 920-467-4616 ext. 314 or maryw@btsje.org.

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.

Sheboygan County Adult Faith Formation
invites you to

Young Adult Mass & Social

at St. John the Baptist
Plymouth, WI

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

Date:

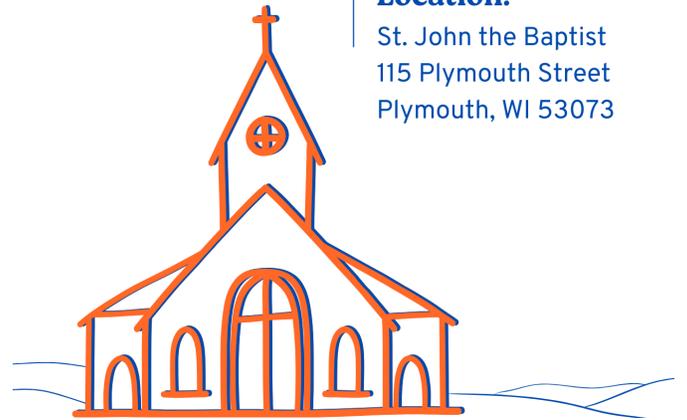
Saturday, June 8th

Time:

6:30 PM Mass
Social to follow

Location:

St. John the Baptist
115 Plymouth Street
Plymouth, WI 53073



tiny saints STORYTIME

3rd Thursday of the Month
10:00-10:45AM

IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGES 1-4 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS
STORYTIME MEETS IN THE CLASSROOMS AT
ST. JOHN EVANGELIST - 601 VALLEY ROAD, KOHLER



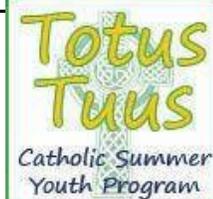
Children and their parents celebrated their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 5th at the 9:00 AM Mass after a year of preparation during Religious Education Classes. Special thanks to their teacher, Mrs. Eve Michaletz, Fr. Schmeckel and their parents who worked with them throughout the year and prepared them so well for this memorable day!



TOTUS TUUS JUNE 23-28, 2024 INFORMATION

HOST FAMILIES: 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 or the St. John Evangelist Parish Office 920-452-9623.

VOLUNTEERS: 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. Please contact Jeanne Bitkers, DRE 4K-Grade 6 for more information or to be added to the volunteer list.



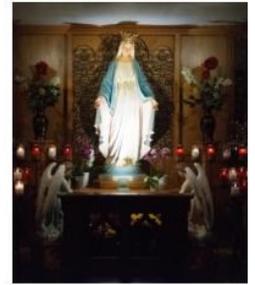
DONATIONS: We are also in need of donations for morning, afternoon, and evening snacks for the children/teens and college-aged "missionaries. Individually packaged items would be best. They can be placed on the table in the Church Hall. Monetary donations would also be appreciated. Envelopes can be found in the Gathering Space. Other donations can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off in the Parish Office. Please write Totus Tuus on checks or on envelopes with cash.



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help Champion, WI

Group Pilgrimage Bus Trip

Friday, June 14, 2024



Itinerary

8:00 am Meet at Blessed Trinity in the CLC
8:30 am Coach Bus Leaves
9:30 am Arrival at Mother of Mercy Hall
9:45 am History Talk or Video
10:30 am Rosary in the Chapel
10:00 am Confessions before Mass, if desired
11:00 am Holy Mass in the Shrine Chapel
12:15 pm Lunch in Mother of Mercy Hall
1:00 pm Visit/pray at many devotional areas
2:00 pm Visit Shrine Gift Shop
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 pm Departure
4:30 pm Arrive back to Blessed Trinity

****Bring your own lunch or order one for \$10—
Beverage, bag of potato chips, and a cookie included**

Choices:

- ◆ Turkey, Swiss Cheese on Cranberry Bread
- ◆ Turkey, Bacon Ranch Wrap
- ◆ Turkey, Ham & Cheese Wrap
- ◆ Ham & Cheddar Cheese on Croissant Bun
- ◆ Ham & Swiss on Pretzel Bun
- ◆ Chicken Salad on Cranberry Bread
- ◆ Italian Sub
- ◆ Salad - Chef or Caesar
- ◆ Salad - Garden - no cheese or croutons

Register by May 20, 2024. Seats are limited.

\$25 per adult without lunch/\$35 per adult with lunch

\$10 per child without lunch/\$20 per child with lunch

Children must be accompanied by their parent(s).

**Return to CLC or one of the Parish Offices (BT: 115 Summer Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
or SJE: 601 Valley Road, Kohler, WI 53044)**

Name: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Order Lunch (circle): Yes No Choice: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guests/Children: _____

Emergency Contact (if applicable): _____

Order Lunch (circle): Yes No Choice: _____

Total enclosed: _____ (Cash/Check payable to Blessed Trinity Parish)

***Use multiple registration forms if needed.**



MENTAL PRAYER MENTAL PRAYER MENTAL PRAYER

“CATHOLIC MENTAL PRAYER”

BY DAN BURKE

Dan is Founder and President of the Avila Foundation for Spiritual Formation offering spiritual theology classes to priests, deacons, religious, and laity in 72 countries preparing men for seminary in 14 dioceses. He authored 15 books and is featured on EWTN's Divine Intimacy Radio show with his wife Stephanie.

This Summer, Men of TMIY Present:

5 sessions on Catholic “Mental Prayer”. This involves spending time with Jesus, coming to know Him, and conversing with Him. The Gospels are used as a guide for mental prayer, and practicing Lexio Divina to deepen your prayer life.

WHAT: TMIY Summer Session “MENTAL PRAYER”

WHEN: The 5 sessions will run every 2nd and 4th Saturday

June 8th & 22nd, July, 13 & 27th, August 10th & 24th

7-8:30am (doors open at 6:45am) For Men 18+

WHERE: Blessed Trinity's CLC building

next to church in Sheboygan Falls, WI 53083

contact: Mark Weber 920-980-2112



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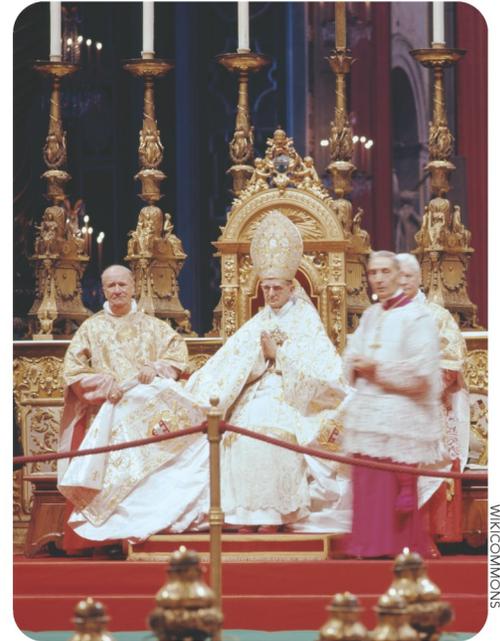
Dear Padre,

What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the “fundamental event in the contemporary Church” and “the constant reference point of every pastoral action.” Vatican II’s sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of “Constitution” and contain the core formulations of the council’s teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the “people of God.” Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be “led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God’s people; “servant leadership” is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ●

Saint Paul VI was Pope when the last of the Second Vatican documents was promulgated.



WIKICOMMONS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Pentecost
Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17	Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19	Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26	Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19	Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25	Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus’ ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ’s presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 28, 2017