

WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MAY 19, 2024 PENTECOST 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

PARISH OFFICE

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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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Rick Michaletz

Trustees: Toni Sarafin, Trustee Treasurer

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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 Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

"When the day of
Pentecost was
fulfilled, they
were all in one
place together."



Acts 2:1

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:

I hope that you have already heard about **Totus Tuus, the Vacation Bible School-like program**, that Saint John's will be hosting and leading for our parishes this summer, from **June 23-28**. Today, I want to tell you a little bit more about Totus Tuus and my own personal experience.



Totus Tuus, the name for this weeklong experience for elementary, middle, and high school students, is a Latin phrase that means "totally yours". It was the motto of Pope Saint John Paul II – meaning that he gave his life 'totally' to Jesus through Mary.

During this week of June 23-28, we are hoping to have four young adults or college students at St. John's who will have fun and teach the faith to Grade 1-6 school students during the day, and Grade 7-12 students during the evenings.

During my college years, I was actually one of the missionaries for the very first Totus Tuus program in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in the Summer of 2013. It was a great opportunity and a profoundly life-changing experience for me. Each day, we had a great time leading skits, teaching songs, playing silly games and most importantly, praying with and teaching the faith to the elementary school-aged students. I learned a lot about how to instruct and work with children of varying ages during these times.

In the evenings we usually met in small groups with the older students in Grades 7-12. During this time, we could have deeper discussions, answer more questions, and have more personal conversations. In fact, one young man who was a part of one of the high school groups that year eventually entered the Seminary and was ordained a Priest this weekend! It is obvious to me that Totus Tuus is an opportunity for young people to learn and experience the faith in a fun and engaging way when they are involved in a Totus Tuus Program

I encourage you to consider bringing your children or grandchildren to Totus Tuus for this week of faith, fun, and prayer! I also encourage Adults as well as Middle and High School Students to consider signing up to volunteer and help. There are many things that can be done to help with the Totus Tuus Program. Please reach out to Jeanne Bitkers, Director of Religious Education 4K-Grade 6 at St. John's to learn more about these opportunities.

On Saturday, May 18, nine men were ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the largest ordination class in many decades. This number is encouraging, but we have to continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. As I often say, priests don't just magically pop into existence; they come from families and communities, from among your sons and grandsons. Be courageous in praying for and encouraging your sons and grandsons to think about a vocation to priesthood.

Finally, I will be gone from our parishes from May 18-24 to celebrate the Ordination of these new Priests and their first Masses of Thanksgiving, and for some time of rest and preparation for the time of transition.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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 am	†Eugene McCabe by Marilyn McCabe, †Alphonse & Rosemary Reiter and Clara Weyker by John & Lisa Reiter
Tuesday	May 21	St. John's	8:00 am	†Fr. David Wilber by Donna Plageman
Tuesday	May 21	Blessed Trinity	6:00 pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	May 22	St. John's	7:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Mom by John Bettag
Thursday	May 23	St. John's	8:00 am	†Carol Schuessler by Family
Friday	May 24	St. John's	7:00 am	Special Intention for Bob Kluge by Bette Kreisa Kluge
Saturday	May 25	St. John's	4:00 pm	†Hubert & Lucille Marchand, Carol Mertzig, and Robert Savala by Family
Sunday	May 26	St. John's	9:00 am	†Scott McGinnis by McGinnis Family
Sunday	May 26	Blessed Trinity	10:30 pm	Mass for Parishioners

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, May 25 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, May 26 at 8:00 am.

LAY MINISTERS FOR MAY 25/26

MASSES	Saturday, 4:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Lector	Carter Udovich	Justin Spaeth Steve O'Neil
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



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 19: Rick Michaletz
 Saturday, May 25: Susan Vavra
 Sunday, May 26: Rich Tauferner

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED: All Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. The Church doors with the canopy off of the parking lot will be open from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm for private prayer.



NEW SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Beginning next week, May 19, the Parish Office new office hours are Monday to Thursday 7:00 am through 4:00 pm and Friday 7:00 am through 11:00 am. On Fridays, please enter the Church through the canopy doors off of the parking lot from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation
8:40 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass

MONDAY, MAY 20

6:30 - 7:30 pm Bible Study

TUESDAY, May 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

FRIDAY, MAY 24

7:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

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

EVENTS UPDATE: Last meeting for the summer:

Mission Society: Tuesday, May 21
Thursday Bible Study: Thursday, May 23

Both will resume in the Fall.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Monday Bible Group meets the first and third Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. John Evangelist Parish. This is a vibrant session as we read and discuss Sunday's readings. If you have interest in deepening your understanding of the Bible while enjoying the company of like-minded individuals, check this out. We believe you'll find it a fruitful way to spend an hour. (Thursday 2:00 pm Bible Study resumes in the Fall). For more information, please contact Tom Reilly at treilly53044@gmail.com. ~Tom Reilly

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY: The Knights of Columbus will be retaping the rosary that is broadcast daily on Spectrum Cable TV. We are looking for people to join us in praying the Rosary. The first taping will be on Thursday May 23rd at St Cyril & Methodius church in Sheboygan. Please arrive BEFORE 6:15 PM! The taping will begin at 6:15 pm! The second taping will be May 29th at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Sheboygan at 6:15 pm. Any questions please call Sir Knight Rich Tauferner at (920) 918-5066. Please honor our Blessed Mother by joining us in prayer!! Thank you.

TOTUS TUUS JUNE 23-28, 2024 INFORMATION

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.

VOLUNTEERS: St. John Evangelist Totus Tuus Religious Education Week of fun and learning needs Adult Volunteers from 8:00 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. A Volunteer Sign-up Sheet is included in this week's bulletin. Copies can also be found on the table in the Gathering Space. Please contact Jeanne Bitkers, DRE 4K-Grade 6 for more information.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: This Sunday, May 19th, the 2024 High School Graduates and their parents will gather to pray together at the 9:00 am Mass and celebrate at a Breakfast hosted by the Junior class parents. We pray that they will continue to hear and heed God's call, follow in the footsteps of His Son Jesus, and be strengthened and guided by the love of the Holy Spirit. Father Schmeckel, the Parishioners and Staff of St. John Evangelist Parish, offer sincere congratulations and wish all Graduates continued success in their future endeavors.



Tyler D.
Sorin D.
Kendall G.
Trey K.
James N.
Ben R.

Logan R.
Emma R.
Julia S.
Alexander S.
Emerson S.



K4-Grade 6 Students,

Thank you for the 205 pairs of socks you collected during the Lenten Season for your "Walking with Jesus" project.

This community outreach project you have accomplished as a religious education group will make someone else's life better. The individuals, both adults and children benefiting from your efforts will give them comfort, to ~~not~~ have a nice pair of socks to put on!

We are thankful for your kindness in making the world a better place for someone in need.

Sincerely, & God bless,
Kathleen
St. Vincent de Paul,
Council Administrator

MOM AND KIDS PLAYGROUP:

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 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



PENTECOST SUNDAY:

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church!! As its name indicates, Pentecost falls 50 days after Easter and nine days after Jesus' Ascension into heaven (these nine days of waiting constitute the first "novena" in the Church!). As I have written before, our faith is built on paradoxes and here we see a few more—"change is the only constant" and "absence makes the heart grow fonder." In the 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, He reminds His disciples that "unless I leave you, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn. 16:7) or "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn. 15:26). By Jesus' absence from physically being with the disciples after His resurrection, He can now be present everywhere to everyone in the person of the Holy Spirit. I know this can seem confusing and that is why the central mystery of our Catholic faith is the Trinity!! (CCC234) As we read today, we hear of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, described as a "strong driving wind... appearing as tongues of fire, which came to rest on each one of them....and they began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." (Acts 2:2-4). Often overlooked in this passage is that yes, the Apostles spoke in various languages, but just as important, is that the "devout Jews from every nation and though bewildered, heard them speaking in their native language." (Acts 2:5-6). Yes, God through the power of His Holy Spirit is present, living and active in the Church and in our lives, but are we listening to Him? I often tell my students, that God gave us "one mouth and two ears, so we should listen twice as much as we talk." Our relationship with God is truly a dialogue (Latin for "speaking with God") so we should ask the Holy Spirit to come more deeply into our lives and be transformed, as the Apostles and all of Jerusalem was in 33AD. Finally, a quote from St. John Paul II, "we are called anew by the ever ancient and ever new faith of the Church, to draw near to the Holy Spirit as the giver of life." "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and renew the face of the Earth. So, make me poor in spirit Lord, so you can pour your Spirit into me!" Happy Birthday and see you at Mass!! ~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7-12



Every other Friday, starting June 14, & ending August 9



the lectio course

A five session video series with Pete Greig
exploring the ancient practice of Lectio Divina.

<https://bit.ly/LectioCourse>



8:45 AM @ St Thomas Aquinas, Elkhart Lake, in the Church Hall
12:00 NOON @ St John the Baptist, Plymouth in The Cornerstone

ANCHOR OF HOPE

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St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish
Attn: Human Concerns Committee, Sharon Reilly
600 Green Tree Rd
Kohler, WI 53044

May 2, 2024

Dear St. John the Evangelist Parish Family,

Thank you!!! On behalf of the Board of Directors, Finance Committee, and the entire staff, we cannot begin to express our incredible gratitude and humble appreciation for the gift of scholarship opportunities for Anchor of Hope clients.

First of all, thank you, Human Concerns Committee! The vision that was birthed through your committee and the intense preparation for this program goes above and beyond what I have seen! Your committee's dedication to putting in the hard work of planning, promoting, and effectively implementing a process that can be shared with Anchor of Hope clients is remarkable. Thank you for developing a tool to help moms and families in our community advance their education and improve their earning potential.

Parish members, THANK YOU for standing with the Human Concerns committee through your prayers and financial partnership. The Lenten Almsgiving offering from your parish combined with Blessed Trinity totaled over \$25,700. That is amazing and incredible!

The staff at Anchor of Hope are excited to begin introducing scholarship opportunities to clients served through the parent education program (H.O.P.E – Helping Others Parent through Education). We truly believe that improving education has the potential to dramatically impact lives through gaining skills or mastering a trade. Your investment with us in the lives of those we serve is an encouraging reminder that as a community, we have the resources to substantially impact the lives of those we serve. With your support and God's help, we will continue to fight the good fight.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers, insight, and financial investment to help change the futures of those we serve.

With Humble Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacky Drewry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jacky Drewry, on behalf of the Board of Directors, Finance Committee, and Staff
Anchor of Hope Health Center

Cc: Sharon Reilly

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer." ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / 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
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 4, 2017