



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrances

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

8:30 AM Mooney-Schneider Families by Joan Mooney

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

8:30 AM No Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

8:30 AM No Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

8:30 AM Cecelia Lowman by SJB Retirees Group

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

5:00 PM Grace Sniadecki by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

10:00 AM Mary & Joseph Tomkiewicz by Dolores Cebulski

1:00 PM For Our Parish Family

“God's Love Unites Us!” Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “God's Love Unites Us!” Program. I’m proud to be part of the St. John the Baptist community. On Commitment Weekend, April 24 & 25, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. John the Baptist by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. John the Baptist!



This Week in our Parish

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

After Mass Divine Mercy/Bible Study

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00-4:45 pm Confessions before Mass

Sunday, April 11, 2021

1:00 pm La Misa en Española

News & Notes

THE MARRIAGE COURSE ONLINE

Strengthen your marriage from the comfort of your own home with The Marriage Course Online! Based on a film series featuring “regular” couples and relationship experts from around the world, this free eight-week program will take place online over Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 PM from April 13 through June 1. There is no group discussion, but rather, time built right into each session for you and your spouse to discuss the topic in the privacy of your own home using prompts from The Marriage Course journal. For more information and to register, visit diocesefwsb.org/marriage-course.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Our Catholic faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Learn more: diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse.

EL MES DE ABRIL ES MES DE PREVENCIÓN DE ABUSO A MENORES

Nuestra fe católica nos llama a defender y valorar la vida y dignidad de la persona humana. La protección de los niños es la responsabilidad de la iglesia entera, incluyendo a los fieles. La protección de los niños y jóvenes del abuso y cualquier daño es un asunto de respeto a la vida, y todos debemos hacer nuestra parte para defender este ideal. Conoce más: diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse.

Our Sacrificial Giving

Adult: \$2059.40

Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers? Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls: If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

Fr. Sunday's Pew Drive. If you are interested in donating to this fund drive for Fr. Sunday's St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Ojogobi-Ate, Nigeria, please place donation in an envelope marked "Pews" and place in collection basket or mail it to Sue at either St. John's, 3526 St. Johns Way, South Bend, IN 46628 or Holy Family, 56405 Mayflower Road, South Bend, IN 46619. Please write attention Sue on envelope. Thank you so much for your support it is much appreciated.



School News

Registration for the 2021/22 school year is now taking place. Stop by the school office for a registration form or call 232-9849 for more information.

Fr. Glenn's Pen

He is Risen, Truly He is Risen! This is the ancient greeting the Christians exchanged during the Easter season. For the next fifty days let us try and make this part of our family custom. Pope Francis invites us to strengthen our family life and do our best not to alienate those who have rejected the faith and its tenants. This is clearly a way to hopefully bring them back to Christ and serve Him and His Church.

The world has experience a very long Lent. I seem to recall that last year Palm Sunday was one of the first masses that we were not permitted to gather publically in large numbers. It beckons back the 1917 Spanish Flu pandemic that took out Jacinta and Francisco, two of the three Fatima children. Obviously that was before my time, but I understand that they also "closed" the churches then for a time as well. What is God trying to teach us?

The world has seemingly gone mad, Nike introduced a "satan" shoe that is advertised as having a drop of human blood in its composition in its 666 pairs it plans to produce! There are satan clubs allowed in our public schools that claim the name is just a tool, they say that Satan is just a myth and the clubs goals are just to help the kids "follow the science". I would argue that one of Satan's most powerful tools is to get most people to think that he does not exist. Over 63 million innocent children have been sacrificed in the horrific practice of abortion, little innocent souls!

I hope I am wrong, but Christians may be severely persecuted even in our country. In some of our government documents Catholics and Evangelicals are stated to be Extremist groups! The scriptures equip us not to worry. Follow God and He will give us all we need at the time we need it. Realize that when we cry out to God he will always deliver! Whether it be like Polycarp who was given the strength to face martyrdom at age 86, or like Daniel's friends who would rather be thrown in the fire and die than deny God. God in that case protected them from physical harm! With God we cannot lose, we either get to go to heaven or we get to keep fighting here on earth.

Easter gives us this hope! Pray to be open to God's truth. Strive to be meeked and humble. The meek are those who are willing to use all their gifts at the service of our king! He is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

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