



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

Pastor: Fr. Glenn Kohrman  
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Sunday Akuh  
Music Director: Andrew Nemeth  
Parish Office: Located at H.F. Rectory  
Hours: Mon & Wed 8-4  
Tue & Thur 8-3  
Phone: 233-5414/H.F. 282-2317  
Fax: 233-5414  
Parish Secretary: Sue Cencelewski  
St. John's Grade School  
Principal: Mr. Brian Carver  
Phone: 232-9849 Fax: 232-9855

Liturgical Celebrations  
Weekdays: See inside bulletin  
Saturday Eve (Vigil Mass): 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
1:00 pm "en Español"

Holy days of obligation  
that fall on weekdays  
Vigil Mass: Check Bulletin  
Holy day: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance  
Weekdays: Before Mass  
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm  
Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism  
Call parish office to set date.

Sacrament of Matrimony  
Arrangements must be made  
with the pastor at least six months  
prior to the wedding date.

New Parishioners  
You are most welcome. Please  
stop by the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline  
Monday- 3:00 PM.

Email Addresses:  
johnthebaptistcc@aol.com  
Website: [www.stjohnsb.com](http://www.stjohnsb.com)

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**  
8:30 AM Frank & Rose Vite by Frank & Barb Vite

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**  
8:30 AM Michael Piechocki by Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021**  
8:30 AM Edward E. Wesolowski by Melinda

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021**  
8:30 AM Charles Baumgartner by M/M Nolan

**FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021**  
8:30 AM James Weddle

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**  
5:00 PM Mooney-Schneider Families by Joan

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021**  
10:00 AM Angela Herlache  
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 Church 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 Church 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!



## 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.

**Choir Practice** on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the choir, please join Andrew in the church.

**Divine Mercy/Bible Study** every Wednesday after the 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

**Parish Clean up** on Saturday, April 24 from 9-11 am. All are invited to help. Sign up sheet in the vestibule.

**Fr. Sunday's Pew Drive.** Thank you so much to those of you that donated to the Pew fund drive for Fr. Sunday's St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Ojogobi-Ate, Nigeria. To date we have raised \$1,990. That is almost 20 new pews for his church. Knowing that you are helping out a community that is in such need is so rewarding and they are so genuinely grateful for your love and kindness. Donations can still be made by placing your 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.

## Our Sacrificial Giving

Adult: \$1,521.00

## Fr. Glenn's Pen

During this Easter time we get two readings from the New Testament, the first being from the Acts of the Apostles. Many believe the Acts of the Apostles is volume II of Luke's Gospel. Peter is trying to get the people to reflect on what they have done. Many people were likely going about their business on the day of the crucifixion. Certainly it would have been the talk of the town, but many were likely more caught up in their day to day life than really paying much attention. Peter is giving them the benefit of the doubt that they merely acted out of ignorance. In other words, "they did not know what they did not know!" People who come to mass hear these readings or maybe they are hearing them via live stream. May this messages touch all our hearts so that we may truly be moved to action! May God's light truly fill us as the psalmist prays!

John reminds us not to commit sin. It is in John's writings that he makes the distinction between deadly (or mortal) sin and sins that do not cause death (venial sins). When we allow God into our lives there is a transformation, we find ourselves on the path of holiness. This is an arduous path. St. John Paul II made a helpful distinction between what he noted as the "law of gradualness" which must never be confused with what some embrace as "the gradualness of law". By its very definition laws are law and not gradual. Truth is truth and error is error! However, our response to God's grace is often limited and we fail, but because of God's great gift of redemption wrought by Christ we are moved to strive for holiness despite our weakness and failures. God is infinitely patient towards those to strive to be counted among the elect.

Have our hearts burned within us when we encountered the Gospel message? Have we allowed ourselves to engage in a deep participation in God's work? The prophets foretold these events. Despite our weakness God mysteriously seems to choose to need us! Some may be actively engaged to what goes on at the parish like the Hope Rescue Mission group, or the men's or women's group. Some may spend time cleaning the Church or practicing music. All of us are part of our mission. This next week you will be receiving a flyer in the mail which details some of what we do at the parish. There also will be a commitment card which allows us to be more responsible stewards of what God has entrusted us to use to proclaim the Gospel. I invite you to seriously reflect on how you can help strengthen the parish by your support. With God's grace and our response to it, I hope to make our parish a vibrant disciple factory, a phase from our beloved Bishop Rhoades. God Bless you and may we all take our obligation seriously to be "witnesses of these things!"

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