



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

**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  
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**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:**  
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**"I am the good  
shepherd, and I  
know mine and mine  
know me, just as  
the Father knows  
me and I know the  
Father; and I will lay  
down my life for the  
sheep." - Jn 10:14-15**

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  
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## LITURGICAL LIFE

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

#### First Reading:

We hear how Peter courageously testified before the Sanhedrin that in Jesus' name the crippled man was healed and in Jesus' name all believers are saved. How strong is the conviction of your faith when someone challenges you?

#### Second Reading:

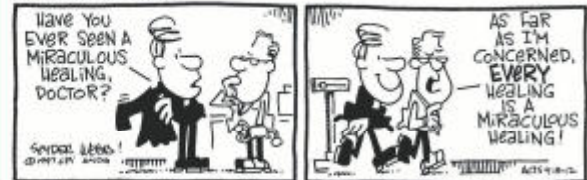
John speaks to his community of believers as "children of God." What do you see as some of the implications of such a designation?

#### Gospel:

In speaking of himself as "the good shepherd" who cares deeply for his sheep, Jesus contrasts himself to "a hired man" (the Pharisees) who has no concern for his sheep. How should have the Pharisees reacted to this criticism?



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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**3526 St. Johns Way, South Bend, IN 46628**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

8:30 AM Frank & Rose Vite by Frank & Barb Vite

### TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

8:30 AM Cecelia Lowman by Kathleen

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

8:30 AM William Szajko by Kathleen

### THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

8:30 AM Barbara Lowman Evans by Kathleen

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

8:30 AM Carlton & Irene Bock

### SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

5:00 PM Chuck Baumgartner by Jennifer & Shawn Nolan

### SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

10:00 AM For Our Parish Family

1:00 PM Cruz Aldana

**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 \$2,190. That is almost 22 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.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Catholic Charities** is seeking professionals to join our staff and help realize our vision to eradicate poverty and strengthen families to help create Generation Zero- the first generation free from poverty. We are accepting resumes for a full time **Manager** in the Community Services Department. We are also seeking a part time evening/weekend **Clerical Assistant** and accepting resumes for full or part time **Therapists**, license eligible; fully licensed preferred. Job descriptions and a list of minimum requirements can be found at our website: [www.ccfwsb.org/careers](http://www.ccfwsb.org/careers)

### LET THE CHILDREN LEAD: DIOCESAN-WIDE ROSARY

Children across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend invite faithful of every age to join them in praying the Rosary on May 13, the 104th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's first appearance at Fatima. A rosary led by our school children will be made available on [diocesefwsb.org/let-the-children-lead](http://diocesefwsb.org/let-the-children-lead) as well as on the diocesan Facebook and YouTube channels @diocesefwsb. On this day, you are invited to join our school children at 10 a.m. as they follow Mary and her message at Fatima, or pray on your own or with others anytime

### 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](http://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](http://diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse).

## 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.

**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.

**St. John's Retirees** will be meeting on Friday, May 7, 2021. Mass at 11:30 am with a lunch to follow. **Masks must be worn** when moving around the building.

### "God's Love Unites Us!" Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "God's Love Unites Us!" Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you can mail your card to the church.

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



### Our Sacrificial Giving

Adult: \$2,208.00

## Fr. Glenn's Pen

In many parts of the world and even across denominational lines today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Psalm 23 is among the most famous, "The Lord is my shepherd, and there is nothing I shall want!" If we truly accept the Lord as my shepherd we will truly want nothing more. The reason is simple, the Good Shepherd protects us and provides all that we need.

Peter clearly came to know this. After Pentecost the Spirit filled Peter and the apostles with the Spirit and they were emboldened to proclaim the Good News. He reprimanded the religious leaders who rejected Christ. It is a perennial problem. There are those who are in leadership positions who have abandoned the teachings of Jesus and His Church. Many today continue to reject Jesus and allow themselves to be led by the spirit of the world. They opt for violence, hatred and foment division!

John eloquently reminds us that God is love! This love is not a sentiment, but a drive to lay down one's life for another. At the heart of all Christian vocations is service. The married couple is called to give up their respective life for the other.



I think it is Matthew Kelly who relates the famous story of an eloquent orator. The crowd requested that he do a dramatic reading of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. He invited one of the members of the crowd to do it, as I recall it was a priest. The priest reluctantly agreed and proceeded to move the crowd to tears with his reading. The famous orator said the reason for the priest's moving oration was simply that the priest knew the shepherd!

Do we know the shepherd? When we wake up how long does it take us to think, "what can I do for God today?" Or even, "God help me through the day!" Why is Jesus a Good shepherd? Simply because He knows where we need to be led! May we truly seek the Lord and be willing to lay down our lives in service of one another! He is Risen! Truly He is Risen!



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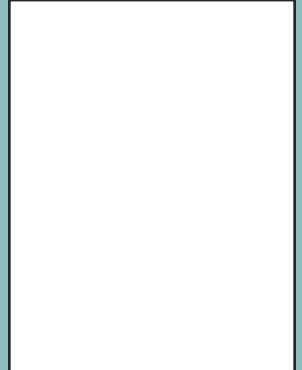
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