4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020
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**Sacramental Life**

**Baptism, Baptismal Preparation Class, Weddings, Hospital Visits, Home Ministry (Eucharist), Scrip:** Call Parish Office—849-5121

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call Parish Office—849-5121

**Reconciliation:** Saint John: Saturday 4:00pm and Tuesdays 8:30am to 9:15am.  
Saint Mary: Saturdays at 4:30pm and 8:30am on Wednesdays until all are heard.

**Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction:**  
First Fridays of the Month 9:00am to 10:00am  
Thursdays 9:00am - 9:00pm—Saint John the Baptist Chapel

**PRIEST VISITS**—If you or a loved one is ill and need to speak to a priest, please call the rectory at 849 - 5121 for St. John’s or St. Mary’s. It is also very helpful if you tell care staff that you are a member of St. Mary of the Lake Parish or St. John the Baptist Parish.

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**DEEPEN YOUR FAITH WITH THE CATHOLIC HERALD**

Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the Catholic Herald. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the Catholic Herald print or new e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office.

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**If you need prayers for health issues, world peace, family issues, etc., or if you’d like to join the Prayer Network, please contact Jean Elvekrog 849-9224 (jelvekrog@gmail.com) or Doris Labarre 849-9692.**

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**DEADLINE—Fridays @ 5:00pm—ONE WEEK AHEAD**

Submit to www.bulletineditor@stjb.org

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School & Preschool: (608) 849 - 5325  
After Hours Emergency: (608) 849 - 5121 ext. 3
A Spiritual Communion
Author Unknown

Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament,
I love You above all things and
I desire to possess You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this moment to receive You
Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Pray the Rosary with Simon Tipps
Tuesday-Saturday @ 7pm—Chapel

Simon Tipps joins us this summer from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, A Wisconsin Dells native he has completed Year One Theology as he strives for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Madison.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM
Welcome to the Community of Faith

Hadley Jo Ripp
Daughter of Spencer Dale Ripp
and Savannah Marie Duren

Please take an opportunity to pray for religious vocations by signing up to take the Traveling Chalice. You host the chalice for a week by displaying the chalice and praying for vocations each day. Due to COVID 19 Ed and Roberta Gilkes will host the chalice until further notice. For more information or to sign up please call Ed Gilkes at 608-358-5096 or email at edgilkes@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]; Jn 12:44-50
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11b [7bc]; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]; Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Please remember to keep in your prayers all those who have recently died and their families.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let the perpetual light shine upon them.
And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

For updates and information on COVID-19 from Bishop Hying and the Diocese of Madison, please go to their website:
www.madisondiocese.org/updates
Saint John the Baptist
SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week Ending April 24, 2020
WeShare Online Giving ........................................ $13,687.00
Mail in donations ................................................ $26,607.00

Thank you to everyone for continuing to donate to our parishes during this difficult time. If you’d like to sign up for WeShare online giving, please go to www.stjb.org and choose either the St. Mary of the Lake or St. John the Baptist WeShare link on the main page. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at 608-849-5121 ext. 118.

WeShare
Keep in touch with us via email & text

We love you! Please sign up TODAY!
Waunakee and Westport parishioners are now able receive parish communication through Flocknote — an app developed exclusively for congregation communication.

Members of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Mary of the Lake parishes must sign-up to receive communications from their respective churches.

Parishes have separate Flocknote accounts. Please visit our website to sign up: www.stjb.org

Saint Mary of the Lake
PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Week Ending April 24, 2020
WeShare Online Giving ........................................ $865.00
Mail in donations ................................................ $205.00

I wanted you to be aware of a result of the Stimulus package that was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Trump recently. I encourage you to promote this to your parishioners, as many may not be aware of this. If I can assist with anything, please let me know. This information came from an article in the New York Times:

Charitable Contributions

I want to help people who are suffering from the pandemic. Does the bill do anything about charitable donations?

- Yes. The bill makes a new deduction available — and not just for 2020 — for up to $300 in annual charitable contributions. It’s available only to people who don’t itemize their deductions, and you calculate this new one by subtracting the amount you give from your gross income.
- To qualify, you have to give cash to a qualified charity and not to a donor-advised fund, which is a charitable account that affluent people often use to bunch contributions in a particular year in order to maximize deductions. If you’ve already given money since Jan. 1, that contribution counts toward the $300 cap.

I am lucky to have substantial wealth, and I want to give more to charity than I usually do. Have the limits on charitable deductions changed?

- Yes, they have. As part of the bill, donors can deduct 100 percent of their gift against their 2020 adjusted gross income. If you have $1 million of income, you can give $1 million to a public charity and deduct the full amount in 2020.
- The new deduction is only for cash gifts that go to a public charity. If you give cash to, say, your private foundation, the old deduction rules apply. And while the organizations that manage donor-advised funds are public charities, you do not get the higher deduction for donating cash to your donor-advised fund.
- If your assets are substantial enough that you can give more than your income this year, you won’t lose the deduction for the excess amount. You can use it next year, as has always been the case.

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Thank you for your support! To make a gift online, visit www.madisondiocese.org/donate
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He began to pray, “God, please help me. I’ve lost my business, and if I don’t get some money, I’m going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.”

Lotto night came, but somebody else won it.

Joe again prayed, “God, please let me win the lotto! I’ve lost my business and house, and I’m going to lose my car as well.”

Lotto night came, but Joe still had no luck.

Once again, he prayed, “My God, why have you forsaken me? I’ve lost my business, house, and car. My wife and children are starving. I don’t often ask you for help, and I’ve always been a good servant to you. Please just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.”

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off. We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn’t hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God’s. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only thing that can properly root us and keep us grounded. Contemplating God’s presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our of lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10


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**A PRAYER IN TIMES OF PESTILENCE**

The Star of Heaven that nourished the Lord
drove away the plague of death
which the first parents of man brought into the world.
May this bright star now vouchsafe to extinguish
that foul constellation whose battles have slain
the people with the wound of death.
O most pious Star of the Sea,
preserve us from pestilence;
hear us, O Lady, for Thy Son honors Thee
by denying Thee nothing.
Save us, O Jesus, for whom Thy Virgin Mother
supplicates Thee.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Amen.

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**Lord Jesus, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people.**

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now in this health crisis
so that we may know your healing love.

Heal those who are sick:
may they regain their health and strength.

Heal us from our fear,
which prevents us from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride,
which makes us certain of our health
and life apart from you.

Bless health care professionals with strength and
Compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs.
We make this prayer in your strong and holy name,
you, who with the Father and Spirit,
live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.
**Calling All Middle & High School Youth!!!**

Saint John the Baptist is signed up to participate and students do NOT need to pre-register. All students have to do is head to [PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH](http://PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH) this Sunday at 7pm CDT. Students will need a PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS to log on.

The broadcast starts at 7pm CDT, but plan to log in a few minutes early to make sure you’re on when it starts. Students can access the event on any device with a web browser – but the faster the connection, the better.

*GIVE IT A TRY! What have you got to lose?*

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**Sharing the Gospel with our “Littles”**

You are one of God’s sheep. Jesus calls you by name. You recognize his voice. Close your eyes. Listen to the voices of your family and friends. You can tell who is talking by the sound of their voices. You choose to follow Jesus on his path. You love God above everything.

You love your neighbor as yourself. You share your toys, money and food with your family and the poor.

**Prayer**

Jesus, help me hear the right voices, and not follow the wrong voices.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a sheep following Jesus along a road that leads into heaven.

**Mission for the Week**

I will listen and follow directions of my parents and teachers right away.

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**Read the Gospel and Color**

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**Puzzle**

Help the sheep find the shepherd.
WE NEED HELP!

Are you looking for some meaningful way of helping families within our community? The Waunakee Food Pantry is in need of Volunteers who are under the age of 70, in good health and not caring for someone with a health need at this time. We are still open our normal schedule but with drive up service only in order to maintain social distancing. Donations can be made at the Waunakee Food Pantry, 806B S. Division St. in the donation box outside the door.

Top Items Needed by the Waunakee Food Pantry
- Spaghetti sauce
- Snacks
- Crackers
- Breakfast cereal
- Laundry detergent
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Toiletries (Soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Condiments (honey, mayonnaise, ketchup and mustard)
- Canned meats
- Canned fruit
- Boxed or bagged dinners (Hamburger Helper)
- Boxed potatoes
- Pancake mix, Pancake syrup
- Flour
- Sugar
- Snack items and crackers (Snack items that can be put into the Children's luncheons, any type of cracker)

Please check expiration dates on food items before you donate

Buying SCRIP is a great way to support our school and parish community. Shop with gift cards in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants and more. Scrip cards are available in the parish office.

EASTER FLOWERS

St. John the Baptist Church
John Colletti
Joseph & Arline Hess

The New Church is now open on Tuesday mornings, Saturdays, and Sundays during this pandemic crisis; books are accessible in the Library at those times. Hope to see you SOON!

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Make the most of your marriage preparation!
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World Wide Marriage Encounter

Covid-19 has changed our lives. Once it is over, we need to strengthen our marriages. Live your married lives “more abundantly” by participating in a World-wide Marriage Encounter weekend on June 26-28 in Rockford, IL; Sept. 11-13 in Geneva, IL or Oct. 16-18 in Brookfield, WI. Visit our website at alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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Healing from Abortion
Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats - offer Hope and Healing for any person, who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.
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Top Items Needed by the Waunakee Food Pantry

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RICE BOWL COLLECTION
BY MAIL IN THE FORM OF A CHECK.
MAIL TO: SAINT JOHN CHURCH
209 SOUTH ST.
WAUNAKEE
Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn’t cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn’t require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

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