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From the Pastor's Desk



Fr. Michael

HOLY WEEK SERVICES - COLLECTIONS

As is tradition here at St. John's, our Holy Thursday Collection will go to the ongoing support of the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Society. A reminder that on Holy Thursday, there is no morning liturgy. The only liturgy allowed is the 7:00pm evening Mass, as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Also, Adoration will end before Holy Thursday Mass and will be closed until after the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, which begins at 8:00pm. On Good Friday, the collection will go to the support of the Christian shrines in the Holy Land.

At the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate the Baptism of two adults and two adults will be making their Profession of Faith. Let us continue to pray for these Elect and Catechumens from our parish and all the many people who will join the Catholic Church throughout the world on this Holy night.

When it comes to the Easter Sunday liturgies, we are in new territory, as far as how many people to expect. Therefore, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. On Easter Sunday, in addition to the 11:00am Easter Sunday Mass in the Church, we will also have an overflow Mass at 11:15am in the Gym.

THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Recently, our school requested to be part of the Knights of Columbus special grants program. The Knights granted the school \$6,000 which will go towards the replacement of the carpeting on the second floor. The carpeting will be replaced with the same tile that was installed on the first floor last year.

DIVINE MERCY

I received a note from Fr. Andre, the administrator/pastor at St. Rita's in West Allis. St. Rita's Parish will host a Divine Mercy Service on the Second Sunday of Easter. Confessions will begin at 2:00pm and the Divine Mercy Celebration of Chaplet and Benediction will begin at 3:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

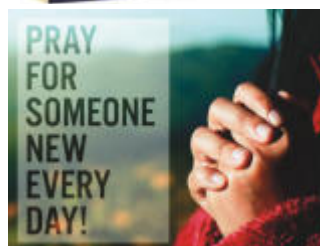
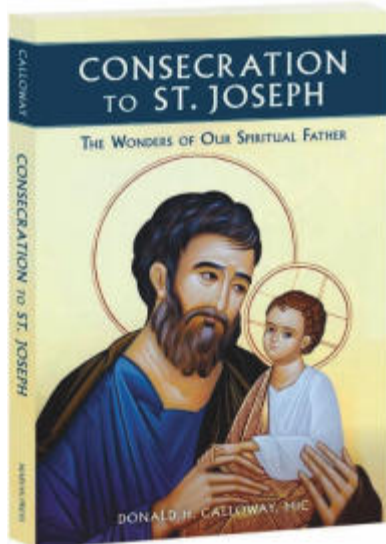
CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

St. John's is offering a group preparation for the Consecration to St. Joseph. Participants will meet again on Monday, April 5, and Monday, April 19 to pray and discuss the book by Fr. Donald Calloway. Please read pages 29 through 56 before the next meeting. All meetings begin at 6:30pm in the Hall. The group consecration will take place the weekend of May 1 & 2.

WHY WE SHOULD BECOME ANOTHER ST. JOSEPH

Consecration to St. Joseph will help us become another Joseph for Jesus and Mary. That is, entrusting yourself entirely to St. Joseph helps you become a faithful, loving, and trusting companion of Jesus and Mary. He has paternal love for you and the power to increase the presence of God in your life and take you to greater heights in the spiritual life. The Church and the world greatly need St. Joseph. We need him to help us return to the love of Jesus and to living lives of virtue. We desperately need St. Joseph's protection as well. The family, the foundation of society, is under attack. The family of God, the Catholic Church, is also undergoing vicious assaults from the world, the flesh, the devil, and some of her own children. We need St. Joseph to protect us. He is our loving and merciful spiritual father: holy, strong, and ready to help. He is forever linked to Jesus, Mary, and the Church. He protected the Holy Family; he will protect us, too, if we entrust ourselves to his paternal heart and his spiritual care. The merciful love of God has given St. Joseph to us as a spiritual father.

Are we ready to ascend to greater heights in the spiritual life? Are we ready to draw nearer to Jesus and Mary, and experience an increase of virtue? **Let us go to Joseph!**



Would you pray for a priest each day? "Be close to your priests with your affection and with your prayers that they may always be shepherds according to God's heart." - Pope Francis

March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3
Rev. Luke Strand	Rev. Robert Surges	Rev. Thomas Suriano	Rev. Jeffrey Thielen	Archbishop Jerome ListECKi	Rev. Donald Thimm	Rev. Antony Primal Thomas

From the Principal's Desk



Mary Laidlaw-Otto

As Lent draws to a close, we are reminded that we are racing towards the end of another successful school year. Our teachers are evaluating their curriculum standards with an eye on what their students will need next year, prioritizing the skills that will make our children successful in whatever their next steps will be. The quiet days of Lent provide the perfect backdrop as we consider these plans.

When we return from our Easter break, our third through eighth graders will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam. We are relatively new to this measure of our student's progress. The first time we took it was in spring of 2019. Then, last year, all state testing was cancelled due to the pandemic. The results of this year's test will be valuable to us as we continually measure both learning lost due to our virtual learning last spring and learning gained this year, when we have worked hard to keep our students in person here in our building. We know that our students have benefitted from the opportunity to learn in person. We see the positives of working and playing together, even with COVID-19 protocols in place, in the behavior of our students. Still, for all of us, there is some natural anxiety about any kind of testing.



Please pray for our students, especially during the Easter season, that we return from our break rested and ready to tackle the challenges that the end of the year will bring.

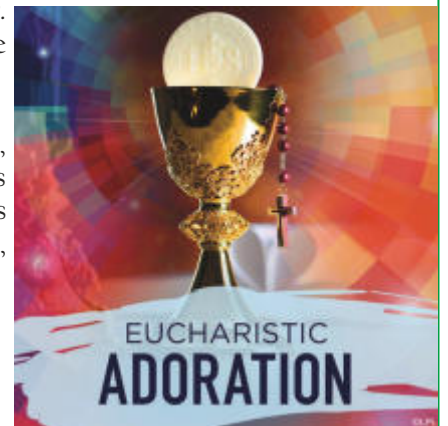
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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Our times are critical and the Sacred Heart is among us. He is granting special power. He is coming with the same overt grace that the Virgin has displayed at places like Fatima.

It is the time of the Eucharist. When we spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we feel a power similar to that during Elevation of the Host. We encounter a holiness second only to Mass. While nothing is more powerful than the liturgy, Adoration comes in second. During Adoration, which keeps the Blessed Sacrament right there before us, prayers are heard and answered."

—Michael H. Brown, *Secrets of the Eucharist*,
Queenship Publishing Company, 1996.



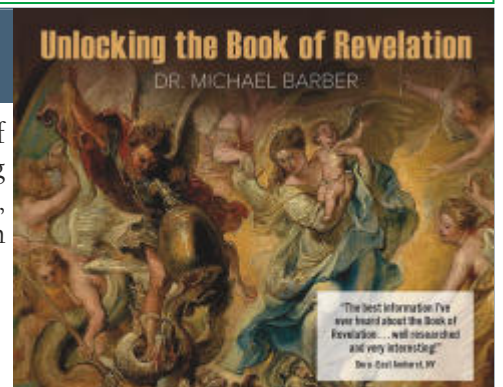
St. John's is fortunate to have 24-hour Perpetual Adoration. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to stay close to God. Hand sanitizer is available at the Adoration entrance (south side of Church) and we ask that you wear a mask and stay at least six feet from others while in Church.



CD of the Week: Unlocking the Book of Revelation

Dr. Michael Barber, host of Reasons for Faith Live on EWTN, is Professor of Theology and Scripture at John Paul the Great Catholic University. In this exciting presentation, he reveals the deep treasures hidden in the Apocalypse, demonstrating the practical implications for living in today's modern world. When is Jesus coming? Listen and discover the surprising truth!

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Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

Raffle Calendar Winners

Week Ending March 19, 2021	Fiscal Year-to-date Information July 1, 2020 to March 19, 2021	3/8/2021 Tony Adams \$ 25
Stewardship Offering \$11,193	Goal for Fiscal YTD \$636,265	3/9/2021 Nick Zajac \$ 25
Offertory \$ 1,037	Amount Collected* \$685,239	3/10/2021 Russ Falkowski \$ 25
Building Fund \$ 1,897	Difference:	3/11/2021 Audrey Withington \$ 25
Thank you for your generous support. When making decisions in your estate planning, please give prayerful consideration to St. John's Parish.	(Deficit)/Surplus \$ 48,974	3/12/2021 Peter Pitcher \$ 25
	*Includes weekly/monthly/electronic offerings, offertory & holy day offerings	3/13/2021 Ruthanne Geldon \$ 25
		3/14/2021 Joan Lancour \$ 50

Parishioner News

St. John the Evangelist is a Roman Catholic Eucharistic community faithful to the values and traditions of the Church. We strive to live our faith every day, to embrace stewardship, and to be nurtured by continuous Christian Formation.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



In addition to the nine-day Novena to The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord gave to St. Maria Faustina, He revealed to her a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to pray, The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Chaplet can be said anytime but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena, especially on the nine days before the Feast of Mercy starting on Good Friday, April 2, until Divine Mercy Sunday, promising Extraordinary graces to those who would recite this special prayer. As the church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on the weekend of April 10 & 11, all are invited to join us as the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited in Church after ALL Masses that weekend.

The Novena/Chaplet will also be recited after the Daily Masses beginning on Monday April 5 and running through Saturday, April 10. All are invited to participate.

UPCOMING DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY DATES

Save the date for another Drive-Thru Fish Fry: Good Friday, April 2, April 23, and May 7 (4:00 - 7:00pm).

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, Thursday, April 1	7:00pm Church	Easter Sunday, April 4	8:00am Church
Good Friday, Friday, April 2	1:00pm Church		9:30am Church
Easter Basket Blessing, Saturday, April 3	12:00pm Church		11:00am Church
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3	8:00pm Church		11:15am Gym

Seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis in the Church proper. Once the Church reaches its safe, socially distanced capacity, guests will be directed to the overflow seating area in the Church Hall. Mass will be live streamed and Holy Communion will be distributed. There will also be a live Mass at 11:15 on Easter Sunday morning in the Gym. See you at Mass!

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Please note: Due to Holy Week, there will NOT be an 8:00am Mass on Thursday, April 1, Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3. Normal weekday Masses will return on Monday, April 5.



As the "40 Days for Life" campaign draws to a close on Palm Sunday, the Respect Life Committee was happy to learn that moms and babies saved locally went up from 11 to 22. Give a prayer of thanksgiving to the moms, and some dads, for saving their child's life. For those of you who participated in the "40 Days for Life" campaign, thank you. This journey has been a long one, but well worth every bit of our efforts. Nationally, there were 353 babies saved and God, who hears all prayers, expects us to continue to pray the rosary to end this war on the unborn. Pro Life Wisconsin is hosting a closing ceremony on Palm Sunday, March 28 at 2:30pm at the Affiliated Medical Services Abortion Clinic located at 1428 N. Farwell Avenue in Milwaukee. It will last about an hour. The clinic will not be open. Any questions, call Kathy at 414-329-0991.



PRAY FOR LIFE

Lord, in Your name, let us remember in prayer all of the babies who will die by abortion. May You hold them close to you. Each one is your special gift. This I ask in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Bulletin Deadline is Noon Monday. Please send your announcements to: rectory@stjohns-grfd.org.



In Prayer: Palm Sunday

MONDAY, MARCH 29

8:00am Int. of Paul Ryou - Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

8:00am †Bob McCallum - Tim

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00am †Fr. Ed Lisowski - Carol Slottke
 †Mary Ellen Fridl - James Schlater
 †Robert & Mary Ann Ziolecki - Marilyn & Stephen McAdams
 †Carl Frost - Sister Mary Frost
 †Sam Grunland - Matt & Kerry Crivello
 10:00am †Antonino LoPiparo - Family & Friends (Private)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 (Holy Thursday)

7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Priests of St. John the Evangelist Parish

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 (Good Friday - Abstinence)

1:00PM Solemn Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 (Holy Saturday)

8:00pm For those who have received the Sacrament

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)

8:00am †Eugene Mueller - Family
 Int. of the Nguyen Family - Maria
 †John Michalski - Family
 †Janet Majhenich - Kristine & Steve Stock
 †Anthony Oszewski - Patrick Oszewski
 9:30am †Matthias Leinstock - Wife Lore
 11:00am For the Members of St. John's Parish
 11:15am For New Members Received into St. John's

This Week's Sanctuary & Tabernacle Candles are lit for the Intention of the Ryou Family. To reserve candles, please call or visit the parish office. The cost is \$3 per candle.

Parish & School Staff Directory

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This Week at St. John the Evangelist

MONDAY, MARCH 29

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

8:00am Mass followed by St. Anthony Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

NO Morning Mass

11:00am School Early Dismissal
 Cousin's Subs Day (All Day)

8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

NO Morning Mass or Confessions

1:00pm Solemn Liturgy

4:00pm Drive-Thru Fish Fry (4:00 - 7:00pm)
 NO School - Easter Break

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

NO Morning Mass or Confessions,

12:00pm Easter Blessing of Food Baskets - Church

4:30pm NO Mass of Anticipation

8:00pm Easter Vigil & Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

8:00am Easter Mass - Church

9:30am Easter Mass - Church

11:00am Easter Mass - Church

11:15am Easter Mass - Gym

St. John the Evangelist Parish

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
 Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30pm; Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 8:00am

Confessions: Friday and Saturday: 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick: No Anointing Until Further Notice

Baptism: Third Sunday at 11:45am. Please call the parish office to schedule. Pre-Baptismal Class is required for parents with their first child.

Marriage: Contact the parish office at least six months before intended date of marriage.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Adults interested in Communion, Baptism, and/or Confirmation are asked to contact the Religious Education office. (RCIA)

Parish Membership: Families and single adults (over 18) are asked to register in the parish office.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Use the entrance along the south side of the church, and please wear a mask.

Sick & Shut-Ins: Call the parish office to arrange for Confession and Communion.

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