Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 2, 2021

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Pastor: Very Rev. Michael F. Merkt - Deacon: Steven F. Pemper

From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Michael

New Principal

I am pleased to announce to the parish and school families that we have hired a new principal. His name is Mr. Ben Oberdorf. Ben overwhelmingly received the green light from the search committee. Please find below some of his biographical information. While his official start date is July 1, he will be around a bit to begin getting his "feet wet," and meeting school families and parishioners. When you meet Ben, please welcome him to the parish.

It is with great enthusiasm that I am joining the St. John the Evangelist's community as principal. I look forward to serving you as we grow in faith and knowledge. I became an educator 17 years ago with the goal of making the world a better place one student at a time. I still have the same goal today. I want to be a part of a team that provides a Christ-centered, stimulating, challenging, and safe learning environment that will develop future leaders. I am comfortable working with students of all ages and enjoy guiding them to successful outcomes. I have provided teachers support and coaching throughout my years in education, and look forward to continuing to help others develop their talents to best serve our students. I enjoy interacting with people and look forward to developing strong, positive relationships with you to help our St. John's community grow spiritually and academically.

I have also coached various sports to varying age groups starting with my nephew's baseball team in 1998. I have continued to coach to this day. The satisfaction I received from coaching was a big part of me becoming an educator. I enjoy the growth of the individual as well as the growth of the team. Through coaching I felt as though I was making a difference in the world. This desire to be a difference maker is what led me to a career in education. Although this desire drives my actions each day, a greater driving force for me is my family.

I live in St. Francis with my wife and we have two grown children. My daughter Marissa is an echocardiographer at Froedtert, and my son Bradley recently left the Navy after serving 11 years protecting and serving our country. He will be moving back to Wisconsin soon to start his new career. He and his wife have one child, Bray Benjamin, born March 29, 2021, making my wife and I grandparents for the first time. We are so excited!

I look forward to meeting all of you. I thank you for welcoming me into your community and providing me with the honor to teach your children and lead the school community. It is my pleasure to serve you as principal this year.

—Ben Oberdorf

Saint Francis Shrine - A Face Lift

When parishioners (who own the landscaping company, "Landshapers") saw the condition of the pavers in front of our St. Francis Shrine, they offered to have one of their crews come in to remove what was there (heaving, broken pavers) and replace them with a new sub-foundation and new pavers. Those parishioners who have seen the new look have given it their "two-thumbs up." On behalf of the parish, a big thank you for their generous donations of time, labor, and material. In addition to the new pavers, other parishioners have donated two new Lannon-stone benches. Thank you for your generous donations. In these days of uncertainty and violence in our cities, let us make great use of our St. Francis Shrine, asking him to intercede for our country and world. Let us pray that we may be an instrument of God's peace.

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

"Our Lord is hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him...See how good He is! If He had appeared before us now in all His glory, we should not have dared to approach Him; but He hides Himself like one in prison, saying 'You do not see Me, but that does not matter; ask Me for all you want'"

—St. John Vianney

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. **There is currently <u>one open hour</u> for Adoration, 4:00 - 5:00am on Wednesday. Please call Kay Shomperlen if you are interested in volunteering at (414) 763-1250.**

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

May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8
Rev. Dennis Witz	Rev. Michael Wolfe	Rev. Charles Wrobel	Rev. John Yockey	Rev. Charles Zabler	Rev. David Zampino	Rev. Carlos Zapata Munoz

From the Principal's Desk

Mary Laidlaw-Otto

This weekend, our second graders received Holy Communion for the first time. There is a great deal of excitement, not to mention an incredible amount of preparation and work on the part of our teachers, the children, and their families.

We know that this is just the beginning - the first of countless opportunities to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. I am asking all our parishioners to join me in prayer, today and always, for our First Communicants.

We pray also that their parents will provide them with many, many opportunities to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. In addition, we pray that they will continue to grow in their faith; that this step in their faith journey is just beginning, and that God will guide them on the path to a successful life here on earth, ending in heaven.

These youngsters are not only the future of our community, they are also the future of our church. Guiding them on the path to heaven is a huge responsibility, and not one we take lightly. Thank you for supporting us, and our First Communicants, with your prayers.

Together in God's Name.

Please consider supporting our parish school at our upcoming fundraisers: May 20 (4:00-8:00pm) at Red Robin, 7575 Edgerton Avenue and June 1 (5:00-9:00pm) at QDOBA Mexican Eats, 5075 S. 76th Street. Both fundraiser locations are in Greenfield.

After School Care Helper Needed

We are in immediate need of a temporary after school care helper to fill a position through the end of the current school year. Hours are from 2:30 until 6:00pm (or until the last student goes home) each school day. Please call the school office at 414-321-8540 for more information.

Spend Mother's Day with the Blessed Mother

While we have our May Crowning here at St. John's for 2nd and 8th graders on Tuesday, May 4, at 6:30pm, parishioners are invited to the Roses for Our Lady May Crowning Celebration on Sunday, May 9 at 2:00pm at the Archdiocesan Marian Shrine, 68th and Bluemound in Milwaukee. It coincides with their 41st Annual Walk with Jesus and Mary.

Archbishop Jerome Listecki will preside. This is an outdoor event, please bring a lawn chair to sit on. Please also wear masks and practice social distancing. First Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Communion attire. In case of rain, go to St. Vincent Pallotti, West 201 N. 76th Street.

Respect Life Baby Bottle Drive

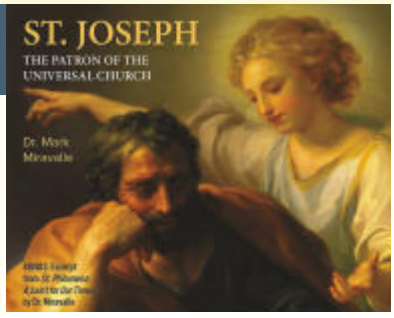
Please return your Respect Life baby bottles in the narthex after all Masses this weekend. If you forgot your bottle at home, or it is more convenient, you may bring it to the Parish Office during the week until Noon on Friday, May 7. The donations will be given to the Women's Support Center (WSC), which supports women and families who find themselves in a place where they need either emotional or material support, especially in the case of an unplanned pregnancy. The Committee says, "God Bless You!" for your past support. Lives were saved.

2021 Easter Memorials: In Honor of or In Memory of:

The following names were not included in the memorials previously published: Labinski Family, †Stanley Wierzchowski, Sr., and †Alex Malecki. If you believe that a name has been missed, please contact the parish office at 414-321-1965 or send an email to rectory@stjohns-grfd.org.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

CD of the Week: St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church



The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle. What is the dignity of this great man, and how do we convey the wondrous power of his intercession? Listen as Dr. Miravalle delves into the fascinating and hidden life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself when the Word became flesh to dwell among us.

Pick up a copy of this CD in the Narthex. Suggested donation is $4.

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

Week Ending April 23, 2021

Stewardship Offering	$16,091
Offertory	$ 991
Building Fund	$ 2,443

Thank you for your generous support. When making decisions in your estate planning, please give prayerful consideration to St. John's Parish.

Fiscal Year-to-date Information
July 1, 2020 to April 23, 2021

Goal for Fiscal YTD	$721,262
Amount Collected*	$778,612
Difference: (Deficit)/Surplus	**$ 57,350**

*Includes weekly/monthly/electronic offerings, offertory & holy day offerings

Raffle Calendar Winners

4/19/2021	Andrew Gross	$ 25
4/20/2021	John & Penny Danoski	$ 25
4/21/2021	Michael Toth	$ 25
4/22/2021	Jacob Malinowski	$ 25
4/23/2021	Tim Teske	$ 25
4/24/2021	Shane Beketic	$ 25
4/25/2021	Beverly Rebro	$ 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.

Holy Name Society Golf Outing

It's time for GOLF! Come join Holy Name Society members for a golf outing on Sunday, June 6 at Whitnall Golf Course. First tee time is 1:00pm. All are welcome, men and women. This is a fun outing, no competition or prizes. Cost is $20 per person walking for nine holes (carts are available at an extra cost). Please call Ron Heser at (414) 448-7117 to sign up.

St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the St. John's Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Friday, May 14 from 10:30am to Noon in the Rectory, lower level Room A. Please bring your new creations of Prayer Pockets, Shawls, Lap Blankets, and Baptism Gifts. Anyone who enjoys knitting and crocheting is encouraged to join us and learn more about this ministry. For more information, please call Diane O. at (414) 546-0721.

Christian Women Mass and Business Meeting

All Christian Women are invited to attend Mass on Thursday, May 13 at 6:00pm followed by a short business meeting in the Church Hall. You can also bring your cancelled stamps. Social distancing and masks are required.

Rose Sale on Mother's Day

Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring a Rose Sale on Mother's Day, May 9 after all weekend Masses. In the realm of the unborn, the rose has always been a symbol of God's gift of life to mothers. It is also a symbol of love, and the primary reason for giving that special someone in your life a rose. A rose to a mother tells her that you love and honor her for giving you life. The suggested donation for each rose is $2, the same as prior years.

Door County Style Fish Boil at St. Matthew's Parish in Oak Creek

Made outside in big kettles, just like in Door County, come enjoy a delicious boiled dinner complete with fish, potatoes, carrots, onions, sides of Cole slaw, bread and home-made desserts. Tickets at the door are $11, children 3-12 are $4. Take out orders only, Friday, May 14 (4:00 - 7:00pm) at 9329 S. Chicago Road (Highway 32) in Oak Creek.

Upcoming Drive-Thru Fish Fry Save the date for our next one: May 7 (4:00 - 7:00pm).

Help Wanted for Parishioner

An older female parishioner in New Berlin is looking for someone to help out around the house with light chores. The time commitment would be four to five hours per day. Pay is $15 per hour. Please call 414-254-8407 if interested.

Parish Council Voting

Please take some time to review the profiles of the candidates for the two Member-at-Large positions in next week's bulletin. Voting will take place on the weekend of May 15 & 16.

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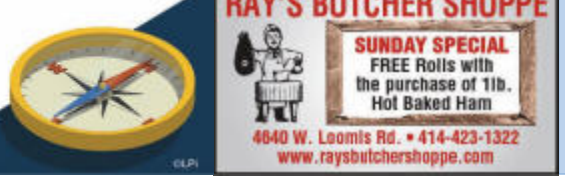

Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Monday. Please send your announcements to: rectory@stjohns-grfd.org.

In Prayer: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 3 (St. Philip & St. James, Apostles)
8:00am †Aloizi & Matilda Janezic - Josephine Janezic

Tuesday, May 4
8:00am Int. of the 64th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Barbara Rekowski

Wednesday, May 5
8:00am Int. of Ron Washak - Bob & Diane Hogan
10:00am †Ines Leonardelli - Leonardelli Family (Private)

Thursday, May 6 (National Day of Prayer)
8:00am Int. of Verna Krusiec - Jeanette L. Van Hecke

Friday, May 7
8:00am †Mary Ellen Fridl - Nancy Miller
†Joseph Peyovich - Rose Marie Peyovich
†Anthony Oszewski - Patrick Oszewski
Special Intentions - Anna Magenheim
†Rob Sura - Shary Charlier

Saturday, May 8
8:00am Deceased Wierchowski Family Members - Family
4:30pm †Sophie Musial - Daughter Chris
†Lorraine Benjamin & Nancy Kuster - Family
Int. of the Nguyen Family - Maria
†Olivia Robinson - Mary Robinson
Int. of Mary Pitcher in celebration of her upcoming birthday - Mom

Sunday, May 9 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)
8:00am For the Members of St. John's Parish
9:30am †Marilyn Trible - David & Susan Janich
11:00am All Living Christian Women - Christian Women Society

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

Parish & School Staff Directory

Parish Office: 414-321-1965 Parish Hall: 414-321-5940
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School Secretary: Mary Jo Kaminski mkaminski@sje.k12.wi.us

This Week at St. John the Evangelist

Monday, May 3
8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, May 4
8:00am Mass followed by St. Anthony Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:30pm May Crowning

Wednesday, May 5
8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, May 6
8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, May 7
8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00pm Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Saturday, May 8
8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
SCRIP and Rose Sales After 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, May 9
SCRIP and Rose Sales After All Masses

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