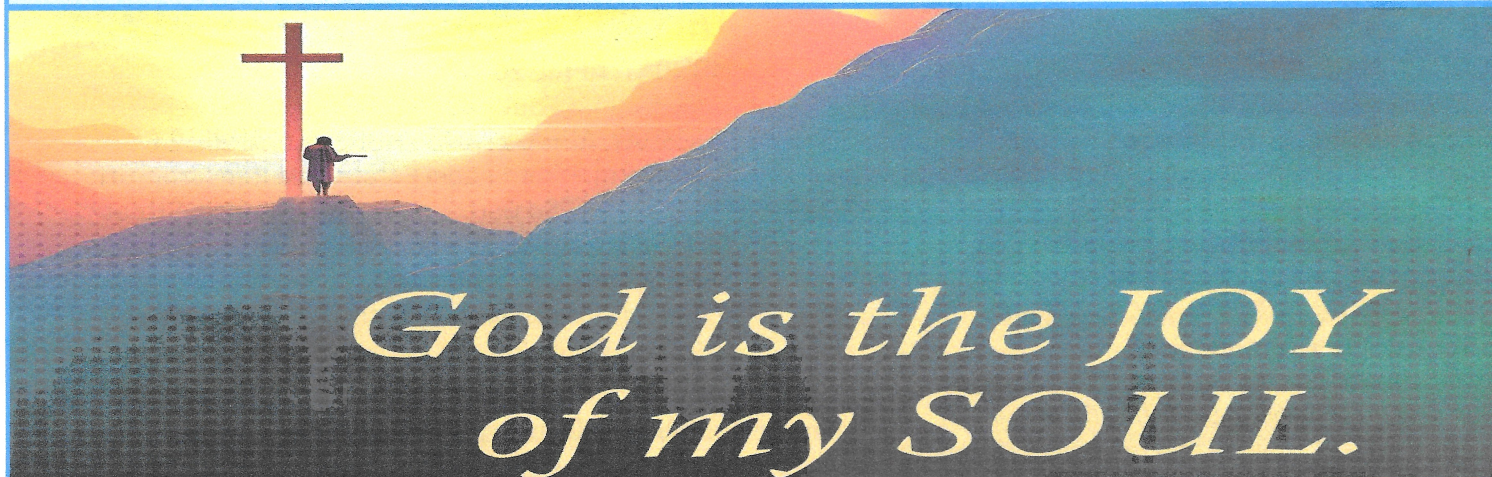


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April 19, 2026



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Confession: 4:00-5:30 pm Wednesday

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Monday-Friday
8:30 am-12:30 pm

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Sunday	9:30 am
Thursday	8:15 am

Confession: 3:30-4:15pm Saturday

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 St. Anselm /

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** + Ruth Hegger

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 6:35-40

8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Terence Haas

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 St. George / St. Adalbert

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

8:30 a.m. - **SJN** - Living and Deceased Members of the Schroeder and Beschert Families

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

^8:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Helen Duczman

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 St. Mark(F)

1Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

MASS OF ANTICIPATION

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3ab-6/1Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

4 p.m. Mass - **SJN** + Francisca Gonzales-Torres
- Living and Deceased Members of St. John Nepomuk Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter /

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:30 a.m. - **SJ** + Marylou and Joe Majowski

- Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

^ - Mass with St. Joseph School students

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH UPDATE

As promised, I will be giving weekly updates on any questions you may have about our future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. Today, I am sharing two questions asked. **What will happen to our money?** The contributions from all our parishioners will support the ministries and services of Saint Leo the Great. Your contributions will support our faith formation program, our ministries across the city of Racine, liturgical materials, and the upkeep of the worship sites. As we become one parish, we will all belong to Saint Leo the Great. Regarding specific funds and monies, all Love One Another donations given to each parish will be used for the specific purpose you designated. These monies are restricted for each building and site. Additionally, all restricted donations and funds allocated for buildings at each location will remain restricted to that location. The funds designated for programs such as serving the poor, education, faith formation, and evangelization will be combined to create a greater impact in our efforts to reach those in need and bring people closer to Christ. Of course, the regular monthly donations will be used to keep all our programs and services running smoothly and effectively, serving you better. **How will we keep track of your money?** When we merge the parish data, we will implement a church-based tracking system to track each member across all churches and to record all specific revenues and expenses at each location. This system will help us be responsible stewards of all your gifts. We recognize your generosity and aim to maximize your stewardship. Our goal is to remain faithful to the mission entrusted to us by the Lord: *Make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28 19-20)*. Your generosity will enable us to maintain our strong Catholic presence in Racine. As I mentioned before, we will adopt new software to help us stay connected to one another and serve you better. Blessings,

Fr. Juan M. Camacho

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES' FAMILY

MONDAY, APRIL 20

2:45-6 p.m. - Youth Center: SJ Parish Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 AND THURSDAY, APRIL 23

5-6:30 p.m. - Rummage/Estate Sale item drop-off:
SJ Garages, North Wisconsin Street

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

3-3:45 p.m. - Confessions: SJN Church

4 p.m. - Mass, followed by Scrip sales: SJN Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

9:30 a.m. - Mass: SJ Church

Please join us to pray the rosary before each Mass.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH'S SANCTUARY LAMP

As we adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, please remember in faith, Jacklyn Robash.

IN YOUR CHARITY: Please remember in faith, SJN parishioner, **Timothy John LaFleur**, who received his Christian burial through our Church and ministry. Eternal rest, O Lord.

SJN CALENDAR RAFFLE 2026 WINNERS

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Saturday, April 4, \$25

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MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

During my first year of seminary in 2018-2019, my rector regularly reminded us of this: *Be men of gratitude*. Today, I write to inform you that effective June 16, 2026, I will leave our parishes here in Racine and move to Holy Family Parish in Fond du Lac. There, I will serve the people of God as an associate pastor, largely focused on serving the Hispanic community. Today, I share this news with you as a man filled with gratitude.

When I found this out a month ago, it was a surprise. I've felt a wave of emotions this past month, especially as we celebrated Holy Week. I knew this would be my last Holy Week with you all, and I felt especially close to Jesus who, knowing that He was about to leave His apostles, loved them, and loved them to the end: *"When Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end"* (Jn 13:1).

I am sad to be leaving. I am sad because I have received so much love from you, experienced your love for the Lord and His Church, and been given an opportunity to love all of you in return. I will miss many things, living and working with brothers who are some of my dearest friends – Fr. Juan, Fr. Timothy, and Fr. Michael. Visiting and praying with your families. Spending time with the students, staff, and families in our schools. Getting to know and be part of this community which I have come to love.

But in the midst of this sadness, there has been an even stronger emotion, the feeling of gratitude. When I was ordained a transitional deacon on April 22, 2023, the bishop placed the Book of the Gospels in my hands and said to me in front of the Lord and the people gathered: *"Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read. Teach what you believe. And practice what you teach."*

We read, believe, and teach that the Lord has a plan for all of us. Now it is time to once again practice what we teach, read, and believe. I trust that this move is the will of God. I trust that the Lord's plans are better than mine: *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts"* (Is 55:8-9). I trust the *"Lord will give us shepherds after His own heart"* (Jer 3:15) here in Racine, as I am confident the men coming here shortly will be. I trust that the Lord is the *"Good Shepherd (Jn 10:14) who makes me lie down in green pastures, who leads me beside still waters, who restores my soul, and who leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake"* (Ps 23). I trust that he has called me, *"a sinful man, to leave everything and follow him"* (Luke 5:1-11). I trust that this is how at this moment, he is calling me to love the people of God, to *"love one another as He has loved us, for greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"* (Jn 13:12-13). This is how He is asking me, and all of us, to love at this moment of our lives.

I will miss all of you dearly, and I will keep all of you in my prayers, loving you to the end as Jesus Himself has shown us. Above all, I will be ever grateful for the many blessings of these two years, and the blessing each of you have been to me.

Thank you, Lord, for my life. Thank you, Lord, for your patient, loving call to serve you as a priest. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of the family of God which you have allowed me to be part of and serve here in Racine. Thank you, Lord, for continuing to call me, to call all of us, to greater love. Jesus, I trust in You.

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.*

-St. Teresa of Avila

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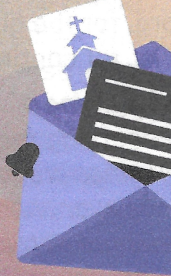
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GOOD TO KNOW

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 19-25 as **Safe Environment Awareness Week**, elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training in each grade; and adhering to mandatory reporting requirement laws.

A free six-week bereavement program open to all denominations, hosted by St. Paul the Apostle Church, is on Thursdays, April 9-May 14, 5:30-7 p.m. Register by calling St. Paul Parish Office at 262-886-0530.

SJ's Rummage and Estate Sale is Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Item drop-off is April 14-June 4 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m., at SJ Parish garages. Accepting furniture, small appliances, glassware, dishes, cookware, artwork, toys, and household items in clean, working condition. Unable to make repairs. No clothing, computers, or TVs. For large item pick-up, please call the SJ parish office, 262-633-8284.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting hygiene items: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes. **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** needs your monetary donations to purchase eggs, frozen meat, milk, butter, and cheese. Please mail checks payable to SVdP Food Panty to: St. Vincent de Paul Society; P.O. Box 44195; Racine, WI 53404. **In February, we fed 667 people including 272 children! Non-perishable needs:** canned meat; pork and beans; canned chili with/without beans; saltine crackers; instant oatmeal packets; Pasta-Roni; pasta sides; boxed spaghetti, angel hair; instant potatoes, small bags; and boxed Au Gratin or Scalloped potatoes.

So long, Fr. Juan. ¡Vaya con Dios! Please join us in saying "so long" to Fr. Juan, our wonderful pastor of the Catholic Community of Eight / St. Leo the Great Parish! Fr. Juan's last day as our pastor will be **Saturday, July 31, when we will be thanking him with a bilingual 6 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church.** A gathering in Haban Hall will follow, with an opportunity to personally say goodbye and thank you. Please keep Fr. Juan in your prayers at this time of transition as he prepares for his new role as Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee!

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father." — 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

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If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like a Communion visit and/or the sacraments, please call any of our parish offices. If someone is bringing you the Eucharist, they need to have an appropriate pyx and pouch.

For all who take communion to someone outside of church, we are adopting a new policy starting April 12: Wearing a certified "CCER/Family of Eight" pouch entitles you to receive the Eucharist in your pyx in the communion line during Mass. If you are not wearing it, you may be asked to wait and get communion for your pyx from the deacon or priest after Mass. These cloth pouches with embroidered crosses indicate you have completed the training for Visiting Eucharistic Ministers (VEM). If you have not been trained, please contact any deacon for a short training after Mass. **If interested in taking communion to family members or parishioners who cannot attend church, please contact any deacon after Mass for simple training as a Visiting Eucharistic Minister.**

Join us for a "Called and Gifted" Workshop Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart to discover your unique gifts and learn how God is inviting you to use them. God has a purpose for your life! Lunch/snacks provided. See intranet.archmil.org/called-and-gifted.

Join us for "An Evening with the Stars" and our priests like you've never seen them before. Return to 1950s Lake Tahoe for a catered dinner and Rat Pack music. Mixers provided (BYOB). With emcee, Fr. Richter, enjoy the Dave Braun Trio and Fr. Timothy on piano. **Saturday, May 2, 5:30-9 p.m.** at SH's Haban Hall. Cost: \$33 each. Proceeds fund CCR8 Youth Group's Catholic Heart mission trip/Steubenville Conference. **Please register by April 20:** https://tickets.signupgenius.com/#/wizard/org/org_19/events/vt_1d8

Belle City Catholic Young Adults (20s and 30s)
Holy Happy Hour
On second Tuesdays; next on May 12
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Hear a message and hangout with new and old friends.
Questions: Eric Antrim at eantrim@stlucychurch.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Exalted at the right hand of God,
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father
and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:33)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world
but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:

Then they said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the
Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

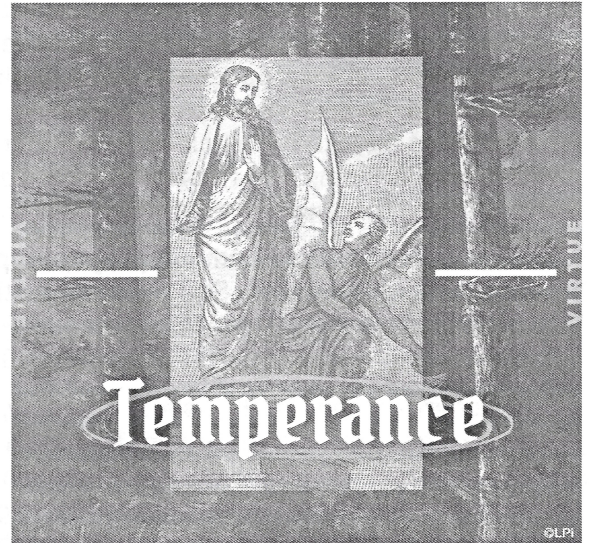
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way
through this world with weary feet and
disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step
beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we
let him?

Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: *Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day*
Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr;
Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

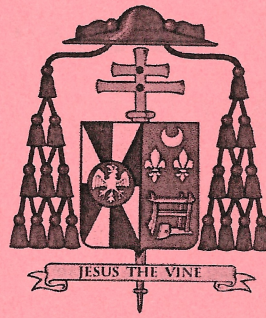


Virtues, Explained!

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,
As this new season begins,
bring new life to our hearts as
well.
Prune what has grown
despondent,
brush back that which darkens
and clouds.
As the flowers bud and bloom,
bless us with new wonder, new
hope, new promise, new joy.
Amen.



**Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Child and Youth Protection and Compliance
Safe Environment Week - Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Safe Environment Week is for every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community to focus, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are societal problems whose prevention depend on involvement among people throughout the faith community;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but also the entire Church;

WHEREAS, the theme for this years' Safe Environment Week will be "Strengthening Trust Through Protection, Prevention, and Compliance."

WHEREAS, acknowledging that as a Church we have much work to do to rebuild the trust that has been broken;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that as bishops, clergy and church leaders we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob proclaim the week of April 19th– April 25th, 2026 as Safe Environment Week in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I ask that all participate and acknowledge each other with the love, respect, and mercy as brothers and sisters in Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Grob", is written over a faint circular watermark of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee seal.

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors

1 Sexual abuse is about the victim.

Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.

2 The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

3 No one has the right to have access to children.

No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

4 Common sense is not all that common.

Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

5 Child sexual abuse can be prevented.

It is critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm—such as protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

6 Feeling heard leads toward healing.

Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain

and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's suffering, pain, and anger are acknowledged.

7 You cannot always predict who will be an abuser.

Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family.

8 There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling.

9 People can be taught to identify grooming behavior.

Grooming behaviors are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

10 Background checks are important.

Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.

