

BULLETIN HIGHLIGHTS

A weekly overview to keep you connected.

Greetings!

We warmly invite you to find out what's going on at Saint John Vianney. There are important dates and website links at the bottom of the email. Here is our link to our current bulletin and our video announcements:

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

The weekly readings are provided by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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MT 21:1-11
IS 50:4-7
PHIL 2:6-11
MT 26:14-27:66



Faith at Home with Fr. Ed



Faith at Home::Pastor's Message::April 5, 2020

Parish Festival Update

Every year, St. John Vianney kicks off summer and celebrates the end of the school year with our highly anticipated Parish Festival.

This year, the Festival Committee must change plans to keep the health and wellness of our SJV community a priority. After evaluating the most current information on the COVID-19 pandemic we have made the difficult decision to postpone the June 5-7th SJV Parish Festival.

We are planning and praying for an opportunity to come together before school starts. However, we will follow CDC, federal, state and city guidance to determine whether or not it is safe and healthy to do so.

We all look forward to this great tradition that brings together friends, families and neighbors, and it is important to us that everyone who attends the Festival not only has fun, but feels safe as well.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Here are links to the fun activity sheets used for Children's Liturgy of the Word for Palm Sunday, April 5. Enjoy!

[CLOW Bulletin 7 and up :: 4-5-20](#)

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The Mass: A Life-Giving Prayer

Come with Brother Francis as he celebrates the life-changing power of the Mass in this inspirational and instructive presentation! This animated episode is 29 minutes long and includes a representation of what happens during the Mass and our encounter with Jesus as we celebrate this wonderful gift of God. You can access it through FORMED, a Catholic web hub to which St. John Vianney parish has a subscription. To set up your free account, visit: www.stjohnv.formed.org. FORMED is a Catholic Resource for Adults and Kids.

Catholic Icing - The Icing on Your Catholic Cake!

Catholic Icing is a website created by author, crafter, and Catholic mother of four Lacy Rabideau. It has many enjoyable activities for kids including printable Stations of the Cross, Palms for Palm Sunday, instructions for making Resurrection Eggs, and the ever popular (and printable) Catholic Kid Boredom Busters. You can access the [Catholic Icing website here](#).



"Offer it up: Letting God Redeem Your Pain" by Sophia Swinford

Sophia Swinford, a theology student at St. Mary's in London, offers up her thoughts on redemptive suffering in this thoughtful [blog sponsored by Life Teen](#).

"The Story's End Changes Every Page" with Chris Stefanick

Popular Catholic author and presenter Chris Stefanick has a wonderful inspirational message about the optimism that sets us apart as Christians. Check out his surprise guest! [You can see it here](#).

Quick Thinking & Hard Work Saves the Milk

Thanks to the quick thinking of SJV School Communications Coordinator and Cafeteria Supervisor Mary Claire Barker, and the hard work of SJV Associate Director of Youth Ministry Dave Baudry, over seventy gallons of milk that would otherwise have spoiled was used to feed the needy by the Salvation Army of Waukesha. Mary Claire noticed that the milk left over in the SJV school cafeteria due to the recent school closing was about to expire, and Dave was kind enough to load it up in his van and take it to the Salvation Army in Waukesha. Kudos to Mary Claire and Dave for getting the milk to people who need it..



Scam Alert!

THIS IS IMPORTANT: We have been warned about scams that are now active. The scams ask for money or information. We never solicit funds via email from individuals. I never personally ask for money, favors, or to call me from an email. If anything comes to you that seems to be from myself or from St. John Vianney, please verify by calling our office before you respond to an email.

Social Distancing and Online Giving

Despite the fact that we cannot gather together for Mass, St. John Vianney continues to be a thriving community of faith, thanks to your ongoing generosity and commitment. As we practice social distancing, we ask you to consider enrolling in online giving, if you have not done so already, so that we can continue to offer the ministries and liturgies that make our parish a home for so many. Thank you!



Click to watch this video from John Thompson, Director of Formation & Human Concerns

To get started with online giving, [visit our website](#) to get started or contact [Angela Bravata](#) for assistance in setting up an account.

A Letter from Fr. Alex

Let the Faith, Hope and Love Remain

My dear brothers and sisters, St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13, spoke extensively about spiritual gifts that the Lord abundantly blessed us with. We ask God to set our hearts on fire with these spiritual gifts and help us navigate in our lives the road that leads to divine union with him. Amen.

I feel sad and frustrated, being unable to celebrate the Eucharist with you especially during this holy season of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At the Eucharist, we share our faith, our hope and the abundant love of Jesus for each of us. I assure you that nothing will separate us from the faith, the hope and the love we share together as a SJV family, not even Covid-19. But I want to assure you that I lift each of you up in my daily prayers and Masses.



Pope Francis in his "Urbi et orbi" blessing this week, asks us to invite Christ into the boats of our lives. We need faith, hope and love to do this. Pope Francis said, "Let us hand over our fears to the Lord, so that he can conquer them." The Pope stated, "the Lord brings serenity into our storms." He asks us to find the courage to carry his cross and follow him (which is our practice, especially during Lent), including the courage to face the challenges, difficulties and pandemics- Covid 19.

I would like you to think back to our last Christmas celebration. I preached about the name that was given to Jesus by the angel- "Emmanuel- God with us." At the Christmas Masses, I encouraged each of you to always remember this important fact, "that God is with us no matter what." I also encouraged you to live out this great message and carry it over to the year 2020. Faith, hope and love are the tools God has given us to live out this great message.

My dear friends, remember that "God is with us." We know this through faith, we share this through love, and in hope, he will continue to be with us. Our life as Christians is based on faith, hope and love. It is a manifestation of love to check up on grandpa and grandma to see how they are doing. We are filled with hope as we agree with our Archbishop that "we will get through this." And because of our faith we know that God

has saved us in the past, and that he will save us in both our present situation and in the future.

We need faith, hope and love to depend on and acknowledge God as our father. God's unconditional love for each one of us as our father is amazing. When a child is hungry, he runs to his father for food, when child is afraid, he runs to his father for protection. As God's children, we run to our father- God, for protection and all that we need. We run to him with faith, hope and love.

My dear brothers and sisters, I entrust each one of you to the intercession and protection of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who protected her son from Herod and other dangers of life, as we say in the silence of our hearts; Hail Mary....

God is good, All the time, and All the time, God is good!!!

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