

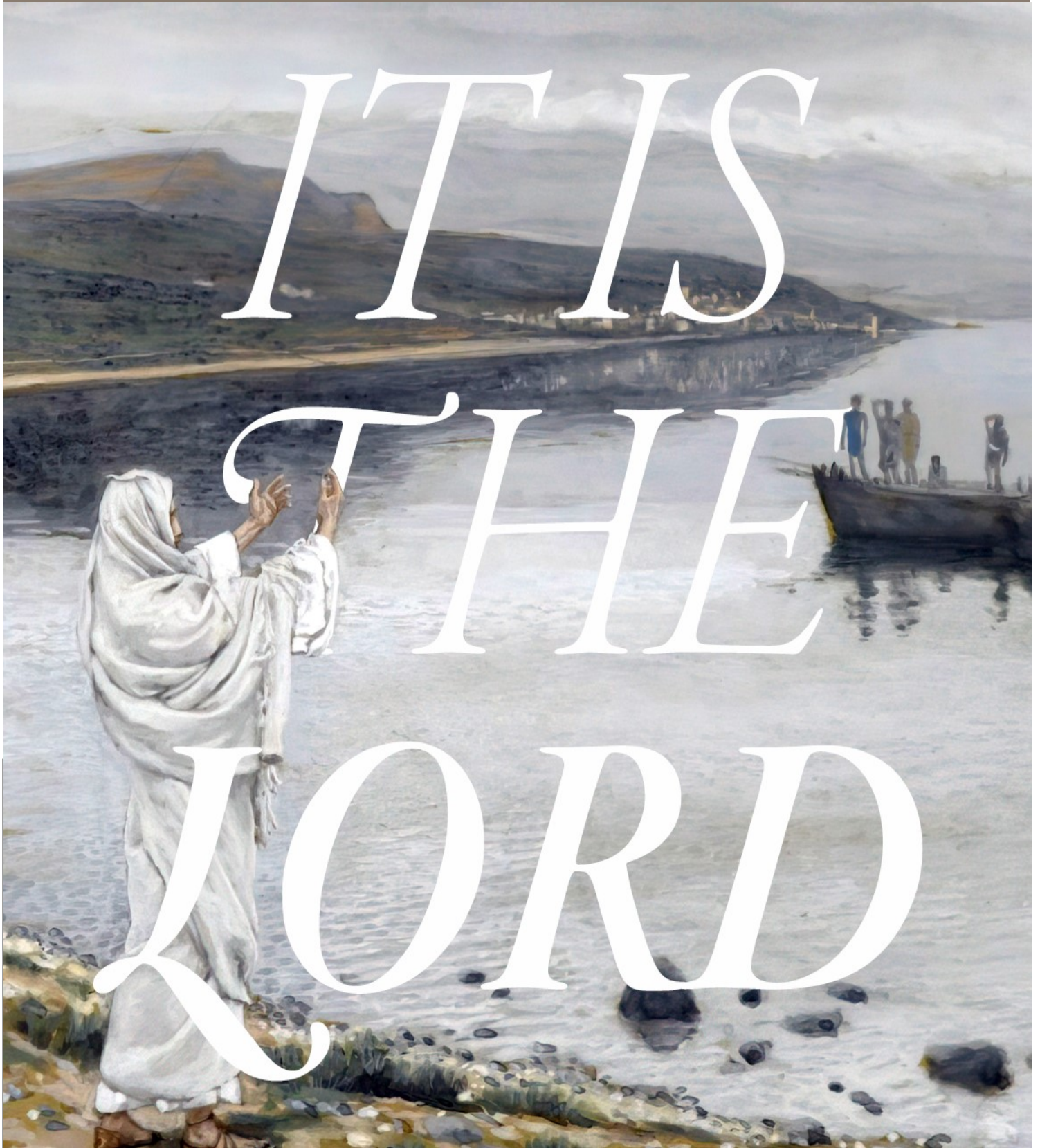
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Sunday, May 4, 2025 • 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Called to obey God rather than Man

We are still basking in the Easter season and in the spirit of the resurrection power. I encourage you to reflect back and reread my article for last week that dwelt on the mystery of our salvation.

Going forward from Easter

Sunday, persecution becomes a key part of discipleship and Christian life. The disciples rejoiced for being found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of his name, the lamb upon the throne. Let me ask you, when you suffer in this way, are you still able to retain your joyful witnessing?

The Lord JESUS who now lives with the Father, who has appeared to them several times to strengthen them in their fears, and has promised not to abandoned his disciples, continues to be present and to direct their lives and ours, in his mission through his word, even the midst of so much confusions and persecutions. We too, when we trust this promise of abiding presence, the results are often extraordinary fruits of evangelization as noticeable in the Gospel by the large catch of fish caught by the disciples. To remain faithful to this mission, both the disciples and ourselves must endure persecution as recorded in the first reading.

While persecution is never joyful at any time, it is by offering it to Jesus that we can make a sense out of the nonsense we endure daily. Our lives take on a dramatic change when we allow ourselves to be crucified with Jesus. This includes daily repentance and daily carrying of our crosses. The book of Revelation proved that,

in life we must keep moving forward by evaluating the past. That is why it's by hindsight that we can perfectly interpret the fruits of persecution.

In this our second reading, we are told that "all creatures rejoice and praised Christ, because at last they can fulfill God's plan for them." For indeed, worthy is the lamb that was slain! Our preoccupation as Christians must always be to seek, know and fulfill the plan of this lamb of God for our lives as a part of his overall plan for humanity. To him be blessing and honor, glory and might forever and ever.

The month of May is entirely dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, we encourage intensified daily praying of the rosary especially as a family. On May 8th, the May crowning will take place here after the all schools Mass at 9am. Those who are able to attend are encouraged to be available and receive her blessings.

Again we implore you to pray along as the conclave begins on Wednesday, May 7th, let us join the church in praying each day:

"Holy Spirit, we ask you to guide the Cardinals through the conclave, granting them wisdom, courage, hope, and charity. We pray that they may listen attentively to you and discern your holy will. Heavenly Father, we beseech you, protect and guide your Church. Grant us a Pope who will lead your Church to grow in faithfulness, a shepherd of profound faith and hope. We pray, in Jesus' name, together with the intercession of Mary and all the Saints."

Have a beautiful Eastertide, God bless you all.

Fra Sume

Scripture Readings

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

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

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

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

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

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Our Stewardship

Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am Mass

Adult.....\$1,502.00

Loose.....\$224.00

Sunday 11:15 am Spanish Mass

Adult.....\$105.00

Loose.....\$104.00

Grand Total.....\$1,935.00

Weekly Budget.....\$2,316.88

Weekly Variance.....-**\$381.88**

PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

There are still **plenty** of spaces left for your mass intentions. Please call the rectory at 574-233-5414 to schedule them.

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN POSITIONS

Business Teacher
Director of Enrollment
French Teacher
Math Teacher
Science Teacher

See postings & apply
at www.saintjoehigh.com



**Knights of
Columbus**

Invitation to Monthly Knights of Columbus Meeting – Council #5570

Knights of Columbus Council #5570 warmly invites you to join us for our monthly meetings, held on the second Monday of each month.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM, at St. John the Baptist Church, in the convent building.



**Kenia Bernal-Acosta
Joshua Hickman
Genevieve Lopez
Isela Molina
Yaslyn Pacheco
Payton Trumbull
Jonathan Uriostegui**

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 5, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Ken Kopinski

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Dolores Cebulski

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Aborted Babies

Thursday, May 8, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

Friday, May 9, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Aborted Babies

Saturday, May 10, 2025

4:00 P.M. For Our Parish Community

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:00 A.M. †Dolores Cebulski

11:15 A.M. †Jose Chino

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 10, 2025 • 4:00 P.M.

Ushers

Bob Krol & Ron Stopczynski

Sunday, May 11, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.

Ushers

Bob Borlik & Chris Nyikos

This Week in Our Parish Community

Monday, May 5, 2025

9:30 A.M. Legion of Mary

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.

9:45 A.M. Divine Mercy until 10:30 A.M.

Friday, May 9, 2025

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.

Saturday, May 10, 2025

3:00 P.M. Confessions (Until 3:45 P.M.)

Sunday,

11:15 A.M. La Misa en Española

Pastor.....Fr. Sunday Akuh

Business Manager/

Secretary.....Mrs. Sue Cencelowski

Located at Holy Family Rectory

Office Hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
574-233-5414

Music Director : Mr. Ben Davis

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the rectory six months in advance.

Catholic parties are expected to be registered parishioners and attending Sunday Mass regularly.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call rectory any time of the day or night at either 574-233-5414 or 574-393-8320.

Communion Calls

Please keep us informed of the sick and the homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Prayer Chain

Are you aware of anyone in need of prayers? Call the Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the Prayer Chain. To start the Prayer Chain call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

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574-232-9849

Office Hours.....

7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Principal.....

Mrs. Shannon Jones

Secretary.....

Mrs. Maureen Kapica

Maintenance.....

Mr. Mark Waite

New Parishioners

You are most welcome. Please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us of a change of address.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 P.M.

Live Streaming Links

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfFHOJ2hdxM91-qPvj5UMg>

Facebook

St. John the Baptist Catholic School of South Bend
<https://m.facebook.com/61561017520975>