



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

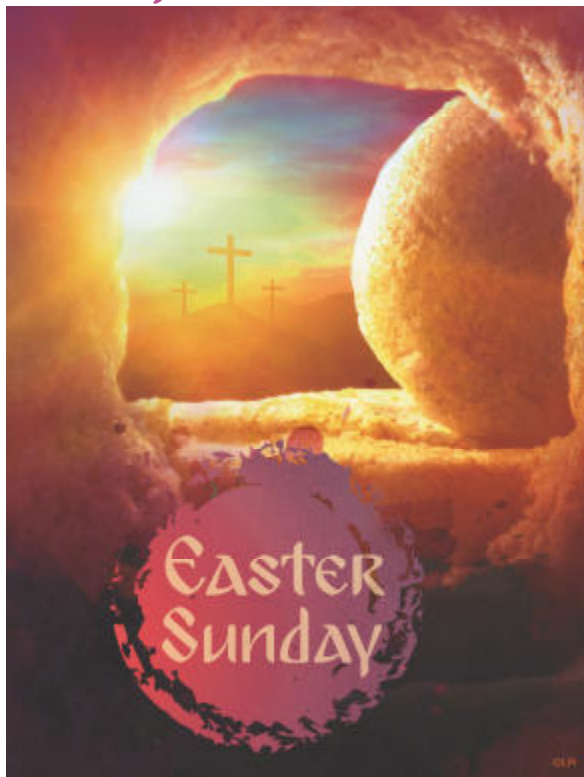
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage: Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism: Contact the parish office
to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

April 4, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all

that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly

name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

Welcome! Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

Parish Staff

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Parish School of Religion
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Quick Contacts Directory

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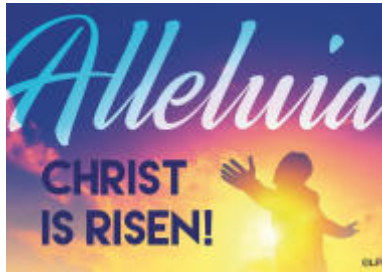
Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Dear parishioners,

May the joy of the Risen Christ touch and transform your lives! I pray that the peace which Jesus offers to the apostles and those gathered on that first Easter morning will be experienced personally and profoundly by each of you. I am reminded of St. Augustine's thoughts on the experience of Lent and Easter:

"Because there are these two periods of time - the one that now is beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy - we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the *Alleluia* we sing.



"Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Alleluia. You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions."

Praise the Lord!! May this Easter season be a time of profound celebration as we repeat our Alleluias with ever deepening faith. May we savor the richness of Christ's victory over sin and death. May we take time to prayerfully reflect on God's desire to save us from sin and death. May each of us know in our hearts how Christ has saved us. The more particular and concrete our awareness, the deeper and richer our gratitude will be. May this Easter be a time of overflowing gratitude for the gifts of life and faith. May we respond generously to all that God has done in the work of redemption!

Blessed Easter,

Fr. Tom

EASTER SUNDAY—YEAR B

[Peter and John ran to Jesus' tomb.] Peter entered and found it empty.
John also entered; he saw and believed. JOHN 20:8

Pat Barnes came upon an elderly lady selling flowers on a busy city street. The lady's face was old and wrinkled but radiant with an Easter smile. Taking a flower, Pat paid her and said, "How happy you look this morning." The flower lady replied, "Why not? Everything is beautiful." Pat was startled by her reply, because she was dressed so shabbily and seemed so frail. Pat said, "You surely wear your troubles well!" Again, the flower lady's reply startled Pat: "When Jesus died on Good Friday," she said, "that was the worst of days. Then, three days later-Easter! So when troubles come my way, I simply wait three days. Then everything gets all right again."

How could I better handle my troubles?

"We are Easter people; and Alleluia is our song!" St. Augustine

Mark Link S.J. Mission

Easter Ministry Schedule

Easter Vigil—April 3—8pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Pat Roche, Kathy Lalonde
Lec: Rdg. 1: Chuck Hinkle
Rdg. 2: Chuck Kettler
Rdg. 3: Patrice Riley
Rdg. 4: Dave London
Rdg. 5: Pat Gentry
Rdg. 6: Richard Lalonde
Rdg. 7: Kathy Lalonde
Epistle: Peggy Dupree
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Bill Riley, Andy Pope, Gary Struckhoff
Proj: Laura Orf



Easter Sunday—April 4—7:30

EM: Maureen Blondin, Kris Jenkins, Bob Brossette, Jan Kardasz
Lec: Bob Leeker, Dave London
Serv: Bridget & Samuel Goins
Ush: Frank Kardasz, Bill Pollihan, Mike Rieker
Proj: Paul Dupont

Easter Sunday—April 4—9:30

EM: Janet Hespen, Mary Busby, Sharon Smith, Kevin Loos
Lec: Joe Willis, Mary Busby
Serv: Izzy Scheer, Izzy Czuchna
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Alan Raymond, **need 1 more volunteer**
Proj: Sophia Simon

Ministry Schedule

April 10—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Kathy Lalonde, Ann Zaleuke
Lec: Richard Lalonde, Clare Holifield
Serv: Aiden Panus
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Bill Pollihan
Proj: Stafford Family

April 11—7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Deacon Chris, Janet Hespen, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Bob Leeker
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Rich Scharf, Gary Potter, Mike Hardesty
Proj: Nancy Ast

April 11—9:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Deacon Chris, Laura Orf, Maureen Blondin
Lec: Youth
Serv: Youth
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Youth
Proj: Josephine Simon

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of April 4:	<i>Easter Week break</i>
Week of April 11:	Bernie Pollihan
Week of April 18:	Theresa McDaniel
Week of April 25:	Irene Caldwell

Purificators

Month of March:	Pam DeBold
Month of April:	Pat Roche



We welcome to our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism
Alice Elizabeth Kelley
daughter of Daniel & Julie (Gust) Kelley

† REST IN PEACE †

Peggy Miller
mother of Fr. Tom Miller

May she and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Fr. Tom will offer a memorial Mass for his mom
at a date to be announced.
He truly appreciates all the prayers you have offered
and expressions of sympathy you have shown.

PLEASE pray for ALL the sick AND suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt,
Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst

Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst),
Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),
Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),
Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 5	
8:00am	Jerry & Sandy Knott +
Tuesday, April 6	
8:00am	Ed Orf + Brett Varady +
Wednesday, April 7	
8:00am	Ken Miller +
Thursday, April 8	
8:00am	Bobby Eisenbath +
Friday, April 9	
8:00am	Holy Vocations +
Saturday, April 10	
8:00am	Pauline & Andrew Chabak +
4:00pm	All Souls
Easter Sunday, April 11	
7:30am	People of the Parish Donald & Bertha Gibbons +
9:30am	Moiria Ryan + Mary Fine +

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

social distancing recommended at all events

Easter Sunday, April 4	
	Masses at 7:30 and 9:30am Collection to support Regina Cleri
Monday, April 5	
	SVDP, Grand Hall, 5:30pm Youth Group, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm Pulse of the Parish, Grand Hall, 7pm
Tuesday, April 6	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Knights of Columbus officers, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Wednesday, April 7	
	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm <i>No Confessions tonight</i>
Thursday, April 8	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, April 9	
	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon Setup for Luke 18 retreat, Founders Hall in evening
Saturday, April 10	
	Reconciliation, 8:45am Luke 18 retreat, Grand Hall and Founders Hall
Easter Sunday, April 11	
	Luke 18 retreat, Grand Hall and Founders Hall

CONTRIBUTIONS, MAR. 27/28

General Offertory:	\$8,236.00
Online — General Offertory:	<u>\$4,188.11</u>
TOTAL:	\$12,424.11

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
~~ Colossians 3:2 ~~

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing *"Alleluia."* Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

We pray: that our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful and willing to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.

NEEDED AT THE PANTRY



UPDATED LIST:

Coffee, tea, paper products (Toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels), brownie mixes, cake icings, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, canned fruit, sauerkraut & spinach. We have plenty of pasta sauces & salad dressing (thank you) .

Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.



Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

Youth Group meets Mondays in Weber Hall, 6:30—8pm

- April 3: Assembling a float for New Melle Easter parade at 12 noon
- April 10/11: organize the **Luke 18** retreat for 8th grade Confirmation Class
- July ??: Summer trip to Springfield for Steubenville conference. Lots to do and see on this exciting weekend away, but early registration is required as it sells out fast.

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

- Purity of heart is the precondition of the _____ of God. Even now it enables us to see according to God.
 - feeling
 - action
 - judgment
 - vision
- While baptism confers the grace of purification from all sins, one must continue to struggle against the concupiscence of the flesh and _____ desires.
 - good
 - disordered
 - holy
 - righteous
- With God's grace one will prevail in battle by the virtue and gift of chastity, for chastity lets us love with upright and undivided _____.
 - liberty
 - heart
 - feelings
 - children
- With God's grace one will prevail in battle by purity of intention which consists in seeking the true _____ of man.
 - flight
 - end
 - example
 - beginning
- With God's grace one will prevail in battle by discipline of feelings and imagination; refusing all complicity in impure thoughts that incline us to turn aside from the path of God's _____.
 - influence
 - direction
 - priests
 - commandments
- With God's grace one will prevail in battle by _____ as St. Augustine writes in his confession to God.
 - exorcism
 - good works
 - tears
 - prayer
- Purity requires _____, an integral part of temperance; it protects the intimate center of the person, refusing to unveil what should remain hidden.
 - abstinence
 - exercise
 - modesty
 - anger
- Modesty protects the mystery of persons and their love; it encourages _____ and moderation in loving relationships.
 - envy
 - greed
 - patience
 - lust
- Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of _____. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity.
 - friends
 - drinks
 - clothing
 - foods
- Modesty inspires a way of life which makes it possible to resist the allurements of _____ and the pressures of prevailing ideologies.
 - television
 - fashion
 - magazines
 - advertisements

ANSWER KEY: 1. D (2519) 2. B (2520) 3. B (2520) 4. B (2520) 5. D (2520) 6. D (2520) 7. C (2521) 8. C (2522) 9. C (2522) 10. B (2523)



MISSOURI PRO-LIFE BILLS

There have been a number of Pro-Life bills filed to be voted on by the Missouri Legislature this Spring. Missouri Right to Life is encouraging Pro-Life citizens to contact the legislature requesting them to support those Pro-Life bills. The IHM Pro-Life Committee will have petitions for parishioners to sign after Masses the weekend of April 10/11. Those petitions will then be sent to the legislators. Please stop by Weber Hall and sign the petitions.

MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE TRANSPORTATION

Missouri Right to Life is providing bus transportation to the Midwest March for Life in Jefferson City on Wednesday, April 14. A bus will be leaving the Wentzville Wal-Mart parking lot at 8am and returning at 4:45pm. There is no cost for the bus ride, but a free will donation is appreciated. Please contact Bill Winters 636-828-4133 to sign up to ride the bus to this event,

The Woman who had Faith strong enough
to stand at the foot of the Cross
also had the kind of Hope that gave her the assurance
that the tomb would soon be empty.
—Mother Angelica, from her book *Christ and Our Lady*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9
Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16/Mt 28:8-15
Tue: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33/Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105/Lk 24:13-35
Thu: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8/Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118/Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118/Mk 16:9-15

Pope's Intentions for April: Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

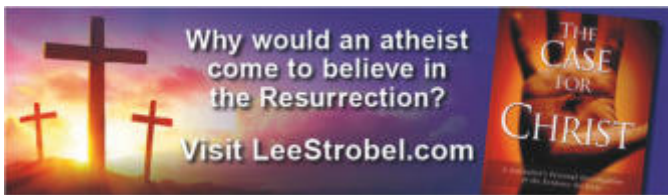


Just want to take a moment to say a big Thank You to all my parish family for their prayers and well wishes while I was hospitalized and at home recovering from my stroke.

Patricia Clayton and Family

PSR Corner

Did you know that the months of the year have been given a devotional "focus" in Church tradition? The month of *April is traditionally dedicated to several themes: the Blessed Sacrament / Resurrection / Holy Spirit*. One person stated, "If you travel back in time from the present to 2000, to 1500, to 1000 to 100 to 0, what event happened....so that now we even mark our time back to this event?" The photo is of a recent billboard that is posted on 40 and Prospect Dr.



Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

Easter Sunday: Resurrection and the Real Presence

Surrexit Dominus Vere, Alleluia! The Lord is truly Risen! Share this great news. Not only has the Lord risen, but He also remains present to us in every Catholic church throughout the world. As Pope Paul VI taught, "The Catholic Church has always displayed and still displays this latria that ought to be paid to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of it, by taking the greatest possible care of consecrated Hosts, by exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and by carrying them about in processions to the joy of great numbers of the people" (*Mysterium Fidei* 56). We derive great strength from the Risen Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist each Sunday. How privileged we are to receive His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity and also to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Each tabernacle is a throne for the Risen King. We must take advantage of the opportunity to adore our Lord and to pray in His powerful presence. He has given us new life and has raised us to the status of adopted sons and daughters. Embrace this new life!

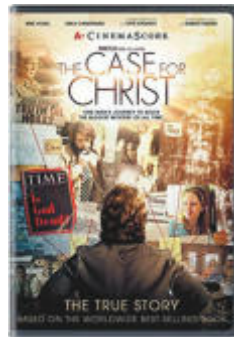
archstl.org/dynamic

Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.

ST. PAUL LIBRARY / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Light-house CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Parish Library: Stoltz Grand Hall

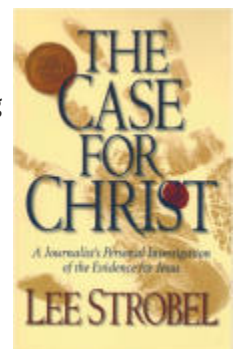


The Case for Christ: Movie

(From a Review on Amazon) Wow what can I say, this movie was realistic, practical, believable and yet also supernatural. Unlike many Christian films that often have cheesy plots, ideas, or delivery, this movie was the kind of movie that can rock someone, even an unbeliever, to the core. I pray regularly for God to portray His truth on the Big Screen in Hollywood, and lately some gems like this movie have come forth. Such an upgrade from what we have seen many "Christian" movies be in the past. Sure it's based on a true story so that may have helped, but really I believe the execution of the movie was captivating, inspiring and very moving emotionally. It confronts the reality that an "unbeliever" may think they are basing their beliefs on facts, but the reality is they are still having "faith" in many things that they cannot see or prove. So the idea that a believer is the only one having "faith" is a lie. Even someone who believes in God wholeheartedly, and has ministered the gospel to 1000s of lives, I was incredibly inspired, encouraged and motivated to more adequately share the love of Jesus with others after watching this movie. The fact that there is simply so much hard evidence of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, more so than any other major event in history, should speak volumes to any person who doubt Jesus even existed, let alone was God in the flesh.

The Case for Christ: Book

Lee Strobel writes in the Introduction to the book regarding one's views about Jesus, "Maybe you too have been basing your spiritual outlook on the evidence ... you... gleaned long ago... But is your conclusion really the best possible explanation for the evidence? If you were to dig deeper... what would you find? That's what this book is about. In effect, I'm going to retrace and expand upon the spiritual journey I took for nearly two years. I'll take you along as I interview thirteen leading scholars and authorities who have impeccable academic credentials." Lee Strobel has written books such as *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*, *The Case for the Real Jesus*, *God's Outrageous Claims*, *The Case for Christmas*, *The Case for Easter*, etc.



To You, O BLESSED Joseph

Sung to the Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising

To you, O blessed Joseph,
We come to you today,
And sing our prayer petition
Your help we seek, we pray

For we can only wonder
The power of your prayer
For to you and to our Lady
God's Word was in your care

Through the charity which bound you,
To Mary and God's Son
We humbly beg your favor
St. Joseph, our patron

To you our great protector,
Please help us in our fear
That as our loving father,
Your presence we'll sense near

For you were the chosen
To guard our glorious Lord
And with our Holy Mother
You saved him from the sword

So now protect God's Holy Church
From the snares of enemies
And shield us with protection
That all terrors may flee

To you, O watchful guardian,
Of children of your Son
Ward off from each one of us,
All stain of corruption

Assist us in our struggle
With the powers of darkness
And rescue us from evil
To be sons of faithfulness

Supported by example
And by your holy prayer
We pray to die in holiness
That heaven we may share



PRAYER TO SAINT Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.
Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father,
ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector,
be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.
As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Have You Tried ONLINE GIVING?

Are you tired of putting checks in your envelope each week? Do you wish you could give more, but when the weekend rolls around you just don't have as much cash as you'd like? Welcome to ONLINE GIVING! Done this way, your financial offering to the parish is made electronically (and securely) through the parish website. You specify the amount of the gift and how often, and on those dates the funds are automatically transferred from your account to the parish account. **We now offer credit card giving options!** You have access to your account 24/7 and flexibility to change your financial offering at any time. Simply go to the parish website, click [Online Giving](#), and follow the easy instructions.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Having a Mass said for the needs of a special person, for a special request, remembering the deceased (especially on the anniversary of their death), birthdays, or in thanksgiving has a long history in the Catholic Church. The Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of His death and resurrection.

Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting "in persona Christi" when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention.

It's easy to schedule a Mass intention for a relative, friend or loved one—simply call the church office, send a note, put a request in the collection basket, or send us an email. Fr. Tom mentions the intention for the day during the Prayers of the Faithful at every Mass.

Mass intentions are now \$10, and we have many open dates in 2021. Contact us with your request!

We also have our 2022 book.
Please call with your Mass intentions.

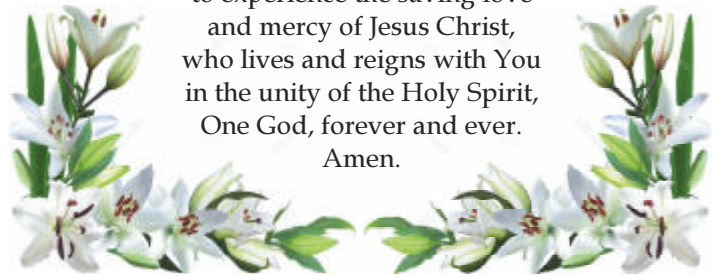


AN EASTER PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
when Your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
rose from the dead,
He commissioned His followers
to "go and make disciples of all nations"
and You remind us that through our Baptism
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit
to be courageous and zealous
in bearing witness to the Gospel,
so that the mission entrusted to the Church,
which is still very far from completion,
may find new and efficacious expressions
that bring life and light to the world.

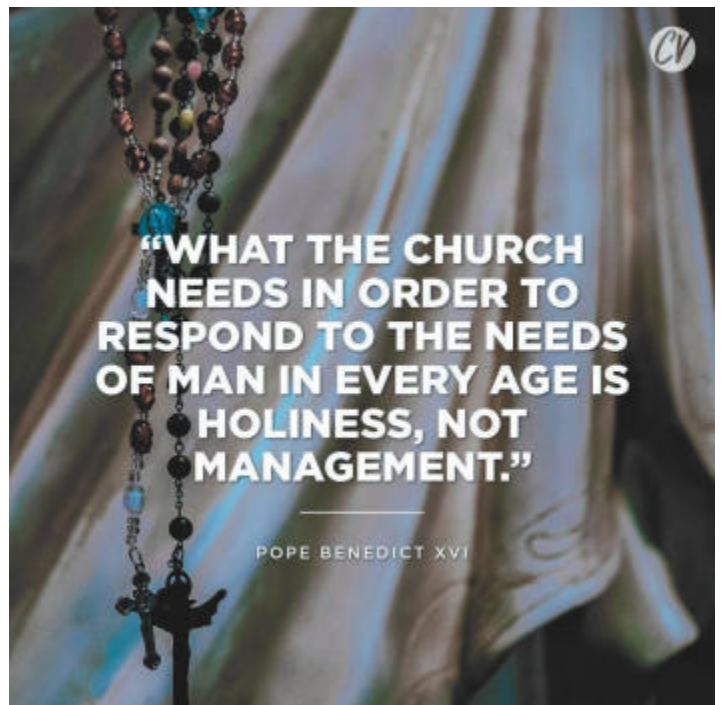
Help us make it possible for all peoples
to experience the saving love
and mercy of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.



Please check our bulletin board for various dinners and other activities in the area.



There is much evil in the world. It divides and scatters the members of the Body of Christ. Uniting in prayer and in good works informed by our Catholic Faith is an excellent way to combat evil. I strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the Knights of Columbus. Simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our IHM council number, enter 11656. Don't delay! Do it today! You will be glad you did.



Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL 4, 2021



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What is Easter?

The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils.” Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday of Easter to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian, Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection: “If Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith” (1 Cor 15:14).

“What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind; . . . So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it “Easter is the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection from the dead, culminating his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.” is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being,’ the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one” (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The Octave of Easter comprises the eight days, which stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the Second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word “Easter” comes from Old English, meaning simply the “east.” The sun that rises in the east, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and is lit for all liturgical celebrations.



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