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MASS SCHEDULE

TUE: 6:00 PM at St. Maurice
WED: 8:00 AM at St. John
THUR: 6:00 PM at IC
FRI: 8:00 AM at St. John
SAT: 8:00 AM at St. John
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior to All Masses Listed Above.)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM at St. Maurice
5:00 PM at St. John

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

7:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at IC
10:00 AM at St. Maurice

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM
at Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. JOHN: Friday 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday 4:45 PM
IC: Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM
After Sunday Mass
ST. MAURICE: 15 minutes before
weekend Masses



April 20, 2025



April 27, 2025

+ **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.

+ The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.

+ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.

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April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday



I Can't Believe It!

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things. It might express skepticism, similar to “You’ve got to be kidding!” Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here, it means “I’m speechless!”

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus’ resurrection, today’s gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude that Jesus had risen. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how, later, several of

Jesus’ followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

Neither empty tomb nor someone else’s personal experience is by itself certain evidence of the resurrection. Then, what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians, he says, “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us. I can hardly believe it. †

Bringing Home the Word

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STEWARDSHIP
Managing God’s Gifts To Us

That we let our lives reflect God’s love, mercy, and forgiveness.

Bulletin Reflection~ Christ is Risen! He Has Risen Indeed!

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: As we begin this Easter season, renewed by the prayers and practices of Lent, remember that Jesus is our Lord and our God. Turn to Him in all your troubles, temptations and victories. Let the Holy Spirit lead you to Him. And remember your baptismal promises, as you spread the Good News.

General Intercession~ For a blessed Easter season for our families and friends. **We pray to the Lord... AMEN**



Lord Jesus, as you have been raised, rise in us that we may love others as we are loved and rejoice in this beautiful life.

Amen! Alleluia! **The Redemptorists**



A Word from Pope Francis

The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open, and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb...the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility.

Rome, March 31, 2024

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Easter Redemption: Celebrating the Power of the Resurrection” by Fr. Gregory Wiest, CSsR

Jesus taught that the love of God rises like the sun on both the good and the wicked and pours like rain on saints and sinners without discrimination.... (See Matthew 5:45.) Redemptive grace is available, inexhaustible, and abundant, never what we simply earn, and always more than what we can imagine.

Easter is the season that illustrates perfectly the motto chosen for the Redemptorists by its founder, St. Alphonsus Liguori: “*Copiosa apud eum redemptio*,” which means “With God there is plenteous redemption” (Psalm 130:7). Saint Alphonsus wanted this motto...to be a seal on Redemptorist hearts, to represent the Redemptorist charism, and to shape the lives of its members and the order’s mission.

April 27 ~ Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Your generosity provides the financial help to sustain core pastoral services and mission of mercy that spread the Gospel of Jesus right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year.





*April 27, 2025 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter*

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Take My Word for It

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This is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experiences, developing a sense of our own abilities. We came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else’s word for something. If we refuse to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

As today’s gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told Thomas what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

The point of this story is not Thomas’ eventual visit by Jesus or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others—our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends—those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives. †

Bringing Home the Word

Walking with Pope Francis in the Sacred Heart ~ 30 Days of Reflections & Prayers ~ Week 11 ~ How to Understand Christ’s Love



That same Jesus is now waiting for you to give him the chance to bring light to your life, to raise you up and to fill you with his strength.

Having spent the previous part of Dilexit nos discussing how Christ lived and worked among others, as related to the gospels, Pope Francis now turns more fully to one of the Church’s favorite ways of expressing this love—the Sacred Heart of Jesus. By highlighting both the divinity and humanity of Jesus in this way, the Church reminds us of the part we are called to play in Jesus’s work and of the strength that Jesus will give us to see it through.

Ponder ~ What does the image of the Sacred Heart mean to me?

Pray ~ God of love and goodness, may the love that your heart shows me inspire me to follow your path.

That we show mercy to someone we need to reconcile with.



Lord Jesus, when I find it hard to believe, live in me and show me the way to live until I believe again.

Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

Sunday Readings

Acts 5:12–16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.

Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.

John 20:19–31

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

St John Ladies Rummage Sale.

Thursday, May 1, Friday May 2, Saturday May 3.



Joyful Noiseletter April 2025

A mother was preparing pancakes for her two sons, who were fighting over who would get the first one.

The mother said, “Hey, if Jesus were sitting here, he would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.’”

One brother turned to the other and said, “You be Jesus.”

Parish Mission ~ April 28 to 30

We will be hosting a **parish mission** the last weekend of April which includes Divine Mercy Sunday. The mission will take place **Monday, April 28 through Wednesday, April 30.**



Parish Support

April 6	\$ 3,749.00
April 13	2,734.00
Easter flowers	233.00
Cemetery Fund	88.00
Criterion	10.00
Votive Candles	166.00

MASS Intentions

Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Holy Saturday

Apr 19 8:00 PM ☩ Philip Joseph Simon

Easter Sunday

Apr 20 10:30 AM ☩ John & Lou Miller

Wed Apr 23 8:00 AM ~ Jacob Miller

Fri Apr 25 8:00 AM ~ Otilia Larsen

Sat Apr 26 8:00 AM ~Fr Binu & All Priests

Sat Apr 26 5:00 PM ☩ Emily Mathes

Sun Apr 27 7:30 AM ☩ Ken Colyer

Wed Apr 30 8:00 AM ~ For the Parish

Fri May 02 8:00 AM ~ For the Parish

Sat May 03 5:00 PM ☩ Gene & Jeff Ogden

Sun May 04 7:30 AM ~ Bernita Baurley

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 26

April 27

Coordinator	Mary Ann W	Ron Miller
Greeter	Joan Carter	Rosie C/Felie C
Lector	Jill Jansing	John Holzer
Eucharist	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Doug W/Ron E	John H/Roger M

May 3

May 4

Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Sharon Voegeli
Greeter	Stratton Family	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Gary Payne	Sharon Voegeli
Eucharist	Bob Green	John Holzer
Wine	Ron E/Susan B	Bill M/John K



Fr. Bill and his family give many thanks for all the prayers and cards on the death of his sister, Frances. May God bless you for caring so much.



St John Annual Rummage Sale
May 1, 2 3

We will begin sorting all of the donations we have received – and there is plenty – on Monday, April 28. We will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8AM to 5PM. Please consider giving an hour or so to help us out. **Thanks so much for any time your schedule allows.** The Sale begins on Thursday May 1 at 8AM and volunteers are needed then also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We wish to thank Gary Payne for sharing with us the **Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** More information will be presented over the next few weeks. See the small altar as your leave church on the votive candle side with information.

Did you know we have a suggestion box? You can find this on top of the bookcase in the vestibule. It is for suggestions related to the renovation or any other ideas.

St. Maurice Church in Napoleon has rescheduled their **Spring Smorgasbord** to Saturday, **April 26**, serving from 4:00 until 6:30. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children. Dine-in or Carry-out. Everyone is welcome! St. Maurice in Napoleon is holding their **Spring Rummage Sale on May 2 + 3.** Friday hours: 8 AM until 6 PM; Saturday hours: 8 AM until Noon. \$3 bag day on Saturday!

A Mary's Way Event - All women are invited for dinner, pro-life speaker, Stephen Jagla, prayer & fellowship on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00pm in the St. Louis Activity Center. Register by calling the St. Louis Parish Office 812-934-3204.

The parish council has placed a jar of jelly beans on top the bookcase in the vestibule. Who can guess the number of beans inside the jar? There are pens and paper in a small basket near the suggestion box. Please write your name and guess and put into the suggestion box. The winner will be announced on Divine Mercy Sunday.



Knights of Columbus Council 1461
Meets the 4th Monday of each month
7:00 PM ~ Hall in Batesville ~
926 Delaware Rd.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Stanley Green	Robert Hillenburg	Margaret Jarvis
Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Susie Huff
Dolores Simon	Peggy Wagner	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah	Eileen Ogden
Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe		Melanie Givan	Keith Jarvis	Bernita Baurley
			Ken Colyer	Candy Reidenbach