

The Lord is Risen!



Today we remember the greatest news in the history of the world – Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man, rose from the dead.

No matter how many times we have heard this message, we should never allow these words to become common place. The Lord Himself rose from the tomb and opened the gates of Heaven for each one of us.

The disciples had hoped in the Lord, but their hope died when their Savior died on the Cross. But when Jesus finally revealed Himself to them – at the breaking of the bread – they knew He was truly risen. And then they said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us?”

*The Risen Lord is knocking on your heart, saying, open the door to Me.
May God bless you this joyful day, throughout this Easter season, and always.*

Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023

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Weekday Mass Schedule
Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday-Saturday
7 AM Holy Hour, 8AM Mass

Sunday Obligation
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM



We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But, if we look carefully, we will see that they experienced Him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience Him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus' resurrection isn't just that we shall die and go home with Him, but that He is risen and comes home with us.

A Word from Pope Francis



Let the Easter truce begin. But not to reload the weapons and pick up the fighting again—No! A truce that will lead to peace, through real negotiation that is also willing to make some sacrifice for the good of the people. Indeed, what victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

Reflection Questions

- Do I notice the signs of new life all around me?
- Do I thank God for simple moments of grace?

Meditation on Jesus' Resurrection

The actual moment of Jesus' Resurrection, between midnight and the gathering light of dawn, is a truth kept hidden in the heart of God. History divided into a "before" and "after" in

that secret hour, just as it did at the instant of His Incarnation in the Virgin's womb. Jesus returns to his human body, which had never ceased, as Catholic dogma affirms, to be united to His divine personhood even in death.

Alive again humanly in a manner beyond mystery, still carrying the wounds of His Passion, He will soon show himself. But first His humblest creatures in the early light bear witness to the astonishing event. The birds in song break the silence that morning not knowing that angels in majestic praises fill the farthest reaches of the universe with their hymns. Jesus Christ is resurrected and all of creation exults.

Magnificat April 2023



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus lay. When she goes there, she found the tomb empty and then ran to alert Simon Peter of this mystery.

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality

Christ is Risen Indeed! As we enter into the joyous Easter season, let us be joyful and kind to everyone we meet—spreading the Good News.

General Intercession

For our parish that we live out our mission this Easter season and draw more people to attend Mass weekly.

We give thanks to the Lord

Prayer

Lord Jesus, call us out of the darkness and rise in us, that we may be saved and witness to your glory, we pray. *Amen! Alleluia!*

**Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 16, 2023**



On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we recall the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: “Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being.”

We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The believers “devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.” They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they lived for the good of the other; they were selfless and generous; they overflowed with “exultation and sincerity of heart.” God “in His great mercy” gave them—and us—“a new birth to a living hope” through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord’s open side.

“I Doubt It,” Say All of Us

Skepticism is a characteristic of a critical mind. Some claims are just too fantastic to trust: no salve can relieve you of all pain; no investment is certain to double our money; no politician can keep all promises; no one comes back from the dead. Who of us can fault Thomas for his initial skepticism?

Thomas has been known throughout history as “the doubter.” However, he might be considered the patron saint of all of us. Because of his absence when Jesus stood in the midst of the community. Thomas was expected to believe on the word of others. Like Thomas, we are torn between believing because of an experience of Jesus and believing on the word of others. We all would prefer a direct, profound experience. However, that is not what we are offered.

A Word from Pope Francis

The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians; the Lord is not looking for Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith.



When a Christian is like that, something isn’t right. No, the adventure of faith as for Thomas consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be?

Regina Caelik, Rome April 24, 2022

Reflection Questions

Thomas has been known throughout history as “the doubter.” However, he might be considered the patron saint of all of us.

- Do I struggle with doubt?
- Where do I feel my faith strengthened and renewed?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, When we are tempted to doubt that good triumphs over evil, that life is stronger than death, fill us with faith and hope, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!



Stewardship

Bulletin Reflection

In today’s Gospel, Jesus appears to the

disciples. He does so again a week later, turning doubting Thomas into a believer.

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Formation:

Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Learn about St Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy. Meditate on that image and on how Jesus is reaching out to you with His merciful hands.

General Intercession:

For all those in our parish who have stayed away from the Church—that they may return this Easter season. ***We Pray to the Lord!***



March 26	\$ 3907.00
April 2	3,476.00
Capital Improvements	20.00
Catholic Relief	20.00
Easter Flowers	320.00
Home Missions	10.00

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

Sat	Apr 8	8:45 PM	✠ Nina Ruble
Sun	Apr 9	10:30 AM	✠ Ruth Cord Purdum
Tues	Apr 11	8 AM	✠ Jerry Spencer
Wed	Apr 12	8 AM	✠ Betty Castner
Fri	Apr 14	8 AM	✠ All Godchildren (JP)
Sat	Apr 15	8 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Apr 15	5:00 PM	✠ Emily Mathes
Sun	Apr 16	7:30 AM	✠ Phillip Joseph Simon
Tues	Apr 18	8 AM	✠ Bertha Kreinhop
Wed	Apr 19	8 AM	✠ Betty Castner
Fri	Apr 21	8 AM	✠ Meister Family
Sat	Apr 22	8 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Apr 22	5:30 PM	✠ Phil Wittich
Sun	Apr 23	7:30 AM	✠ Philip Joseph Simon

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Apr 15 (5PM)</u>	<u>Apr 16 (7:30AM)</u>
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Ron Miller
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Jill Jansing
Lector	Gary Taylor	John Holzer
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	John Holzer
	<u>Apr 22 (5PM)</u>	<u>Apr 23 (7:30AM)</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
Lector	Achleigh Simon	Jill Jansing
Eucharist	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

April 16 – Sue Gridley, Margaret Jarvis
 April 23 – Mary Ann Westmeier, Susan Banta

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Suggested Items for April:
 Crackers, Cookies, Soup, (No glass, please)



BIBLE STUDY 3.0 Begins Wednesday, April 19 at 6PM.



**MAY 7 - WE WILL BE
 CELEBRATING FATHER
 BINU'S SILVER JUBILEE,
 25 YEARS AS A PRIEST.**

If you **do not** receive an invitation in the next week, please contact the church office.



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & ST JOHN COMMUNITY

through Baptism on Holy Saturday
Bob, Melissa and Zane Grable.

April 1, we welcomed in **Jackson Thomas**
 son of Brian & Morgan Thomas

**ST MAURICE is having their
 Smorgasbord** on Saturday,
 April 15, 4 to 6 PM. Adult \$15,
 Children \$5. Dine-in or Carry-
 out. All Are Invited.

APRIL 30 CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

The Appeal primarily supports home mission diocese, that is, those diocese in the US that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other diocese in the US for particular projects and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

The Lighter Side Easter Dinner Honesty

A husband and wife hosted an Easter dinner party for their extended family, all of whom were encouraged to bring the kids.


During the meal, the hosts' 3-year old daughter kept staring at the man across from her. He tried his best to ignore her, and others at the table noticed, too.

Her father finally asked her "why are you staring at your uncle?" The table got very quiet, awaiting her response.

The little girl said, "I just want to see him drink like a fish, like Mama told me."



Rita Bedel
 Gary & Paige Byard
 Amy Castner
 Tim Castner
 Todd Castner
 Melissa Chapman
 Elliott Elkins
 Amy Graham
 Lily Handt
 Todd Holzer
 Seth Hull
 Keith Jarvis
 Larry Kendall
 David Lewis 
 Linda McCain
 Mark Meister
 Teresita Noah
 Tom Noah
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