

APRIL 5 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Then the Other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead. Jn 20:8-9

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Easter Sunday (Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15)

6:30 am- Our Parish Family
8:00 am- Bernie & Stephen Bludau
10:30 am- Bill & Helen Schulte

Monday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18)

7:00 am- Lucy & Henry Pohl
10:00 am- Joe Konvicka, Benefactor (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18)

7:00 am- Mary Bonorden

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35)

7:00 am- Frances Hermis
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of Leo & Minnie Hoffer Family

Thursday within the Octave of Easter (Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48)

7:00 am- Frances Turk
10:00 am- Stanley Kutac (Stevens)

Friday in the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Louis & Mary Rother Family
8:05 am- Leo & Viola Henke

Saturday in the Octave of Easter (Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15)

5:30 pm- Frank, Annie & Gene Holik

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 12 (Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31)

8:00 am- Living & deceased members of Ervin J. Bludau, Sr. Family
10:30 am- Our Parish Family

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Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,560.50; Loose-\$1,698; Children-\$48; Rice Bowl-\$1,640; Catholic Relief Services-\$703; Church in Eastern Europe-\$175.

Sacred Heart Picnic Country Store is in need of hand-made craft items for the Spring Picnic. Please be working on handmade aprons, potholders, embroidered pillow cases, cup towels, or any other craft items. *Thank you!!!*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

-Easter Egg Hunt after 8:00 Mass. Sponsored by Youth Ministry.



MONDAY, APRIL 6

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.
-Veteran Benefits Program, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-K.C. General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., K.C. Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

-CCD: K-12th Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:00 p.m., Cry Room.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

-RCIA final meeting, 7:00 pm, New Computer Lab.
-God's Embrace, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Family Center.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

-KJZT #2 Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Mary's House.
-Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m., Church.

Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Becky Pekar, Amanda Gutierrez, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Sweet Hrcncir, Henry Konvicka, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Leo Haas, Jr., Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Dollie Parr, Joyce Tesch, Msgr. Celestino Say, Steve Grasshoff, Buddy Boehm, Sr. Rosalyn Henke, John Moore, Jr., Victor Roeber, Tommy Kanak, nursing home residents & the homebound.

Adoration in the Chapel resumes at 6:00 pm on Sunday.

Happy Anniversary!

Leroy & Marjorie Rychlik	52 years	April 6
Travis & Kari Etzler	25 years	April 8
Anton & Leona Machicek	51 years	April 11

Welcome to the Parish: Brooke Meinkowsky & Jared, children Ben, Luke & Ada; and Damas Garcia.



March Baptisms: *Blake Aaron*, son of Aaron & Rhonda Bludau; *Anna Grace*, daughter of Dillon & Sara Konvicka; *Kolet Lynleigh*, daughter of Jason & Klarissa Olsovsky; *Walker James*, son of Clayton & Kimberly Walpole; *Casen James*, son of Paul & Kristin Wood; and, *Lizbeth*, daughter of Juan & Elizabeth Monjaraz.

Bluebonnet Youth Ranch Spring Fling, Yoakum Com. Center, April 12. BBQ Chicken Plates 10:30am-1:00pm. Music, auction, raffle, plant sale, desserts, artisans market.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

We welcome the men and women who have joined us in the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday night. Some were baptized and some joined us by a Profession of Faith (baptized in a non-Catholic church and then joined the Catholic Church). We will list their names in next week's bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our Holy Week Liturgies. Various people helped with preparations before and during Holy Week, and many participated in the various ministries throughout Holy Week. Thank you to each and every one, and especially the choir and the musicians for the beautiful music.

Hopefully, everyone had a spiritually uplifting Lent and has been prepared to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with great joy and enthusiasm. After Easter, we should continue to grow in our faith and not stop just because Lent is over. May everyone have a very blessed Easter and Easter Season.

Confirmation Retreat: On April 19 the Confirmation candidates will be participating in Catholic Relief Services' Food Fast. During the 12-hour retreat, we will be fasting in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who struggle with poverty and hunger. Participants explore the reality of hunger in a world of plenty and come face-to-face with the impact of hunger on nearly 1 Billion people in the world. The fact is there really is enough food for all. Following the lead of Pope Francis, we ask ourselves, then, what we can do to help end hunger in our world. We ask that you pray for us as we journey with the poor around the world. We will have a special 'RICEBAG' collection during the 10:30 a.m. Mass to support the work of Catholic Relief Services.



Sacred Heart Youth News ~~

Our next **Youth Night** and **Senior Cookout** will be Sunday, April 19 from 5-7:30. We will have an hour of adoration with the Third SonDay Boys and will move to the Youth House for hamburgers & cake!

To hold your spot on our **Stuebville on the Bayou** trip, a \$50 deposit is due by April 19. Current 8th-12th graders can attend. We still need Chaperones. Registration forms will be available upon the receipt of the deposit.

Sacred Heart CCD News ~~

Apr. 26: Mandatory Freshmen & parents confirmation meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Sacred Heart School News ~~

Apr. 6: Easter holiday – no school.

Apr. 24: Marathon for Catholic Education. Classes dismissed at 12:00 noon. No extended care.



Easter Flowers Donations: Elsie & Tommy Grahmann-\$5; Franklin & Nola Bohuslav-\$25; Kay & Garrett Manning-\$20; Victor & Lucille Vasek-\$10; Irene & Charles Matula-\$50;

Anton & Leona Machicek-\$15; Ronald Ridgeway Family in memory of the Lucario & Cappellano Families-\$20; Marvin & Lillian Rabel in memory of Stacey & Glenn Rabel-\$15; Alvin Paul & Barbara Grahmann in memory of Alvin J. Grahmann, Georgia & Harold Ludwig-\$25; Robert & Rita Chase in memory of Alois Bittner-\$20; Henry Joe & Marcella Henke in memory of Mary & Charles Vana, Elizabeth & Henry Henke, Sr.-\$25; Jimmie & Sylvia Steffek in memory of Charlie, Rosie & Eugene Steffek, Raymond, Judith & Bennie Ohnheiser, Jonathon Shimek-\$30; Deborah Janak in memory of David Janak, Sr.-\$10; Marvin & Annette Grahmann Family in memory of Russell Grahmann-\$20; Mr. & Mrs. Manlove in memory of Alex Thomas, Paul & Sarah Jansky-\$15; A.J. & Jo Kutac in memory of Newton & Frieda Renken, Stanley Kutac-\$15; Roland & Georgia Schaefer for living & deceased members of Zapalac & Schaefer Families-\$30; Ramona, Alex & Sabrina Bludau in memory of Marilyn Marikle & Charles Bludau-\$10.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord –

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put Him." This must have felt like adding insult to injury. Mary Magdalene had stood faithfully by Jesus up to His last moment on the cross. She had seen Him laid in the tomb and she had already visited His body there to mourn and pay her last respects. But today, on her arrival, she finds the body missing. Wasn't it enough to torture and crucify her innocent Lord? Why did they have to take away her one last bit of consolation? Why did they steal His body?

Imagine the despair she must have wrestled with at this moment. As if the events of Good Friday had not been enough, now she faced another tragic moment. From Mary's perspective, things could not have gotten any worse. Every bit of evidence around her converged to make her feel completely powerless and afraid. Her eyes could only see the darkness of the empty tomb.



Here now, into this rock-bottom moment when no human hope remained, here burst in the risen Christ. Just when there was no possible solution, when everything was far beyond repair, suddenly Jesus appeared, glorious, victorious, and completely and utterly unexpected. His triumph over death was more than that: it was also a triumph over human hopelessness and despair. It was proof that God is bigger than our biggest problems. He is more powerful than the most threatening evils and all the fears that lurk around in our lives.



The joy of Easter is ours, today and every day. As Christians, we can rejoice in belonging to a God who is ready and able to break through the toughest barriers of

sin and death, even when we least expect it.

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Bernadette Soubirous

Bernadette was a good but simple teen from a poor family in the south of France. The Blessed Virgin Mary chose to visit Bernadette eighteen times in a cave beside the Gave River (1858-59). A miraculous spring with healing waters poured from the spot and Lourdes remains one of the most visited religious sites in the world. Bernadette suffered terribly, but bravely, from learning difficulty, poor health, world scrutiny. After becoming a nun, she died at the age of 35.



We are one Body

On the road to Damascus, Jesus told Saul that when he attacked Christians, he attacked Jesus. "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 26:15). Our Lord cannot be separated from the members of his Body. We stand united with all who suffer for Christ.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:54



The Year of Consecrated Life

Most of us are called to a vocation of marriage and family, but some are called to live with Christ in a different relationship. For some of these chosen, this involves leaving aspects of the world to put themselves at the service of others in the Consecrated Life.

Caretakers of Christ's Church:

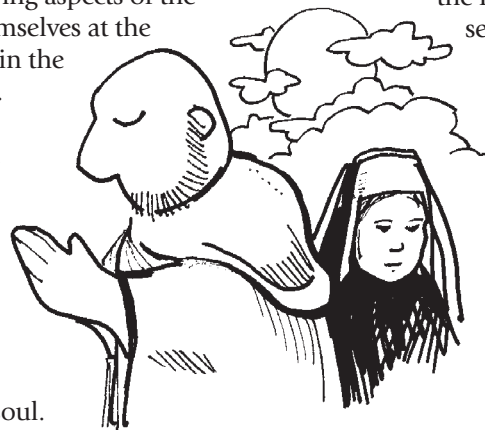
The role of a someone consecrated to God by vows of chastity, poverty and obedience is often as a caretaker of the soul. Whether it is teaching in schools, providing aid to the sick and dying, caring for those in need, or living a life dedicated to manual labor and prayer, they bring Christ's charity to the world.

Someone to pray for us: For the consecrated religious, praying can be a full time job. To better understand the needs of God's children and to learn the Father's will, they often separate themselves in some manner from worldly cares. This way, they can freely represent us on the front lines of the battle for salvation.

Real role models:

"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Those living

the consecrated life try to live their baptismal promises more intensely and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. When looking for role models, we can look to these men and women striving to live a holy life for God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need faith?

"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his suffering,



death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, "For with God, nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

The path that Easter built

Easter is more than a happy ending to Jesus' travels on Earth. In fact, it leads to a new life for anyone who follows Jesus. Here are some ways to find the right path.

Use a map. Our faith holds all the tools needed to find peace, personal well-being, and security. The Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Mass point the way.

Travel light. Avoiding materialism is the challenge of our time. Keeping only what we need reminds us of our dependence on

God, gives us an appreciation for what we have, and helps us be more sensitive to others in need.

Follow a guide. The journey can be easier when someone lights the way. Perhaps a priest, deacon, or religious in your parish can become a spiritual mentor. Or choose one of the saints to be a role model who can light the path.

Bring a friend. Spiritual companions can help us maintain perspective, challenge us to grow, and make the trip more enjoyable.

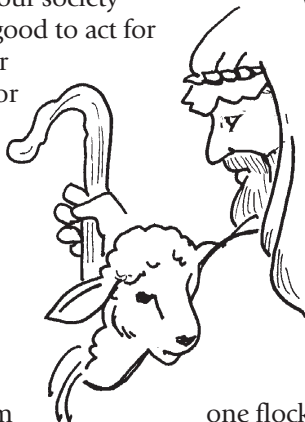


from Scripture

From Scripture: John 10:11-18, The Good Shepherd

This Gospel describes the ideal for our relationship with Jesus. In our society today, we are told that it's good to act for ourselves first, stand on our own, and do what is best for us as individuals. Our allegiance to others is secondary. The problem becomes, on whom can we rely for help when we encounter trouble?

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with his sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He kept them in a flock for safety to protect them from predators. Their shepherd was trusted and familiar, and



the sheep recognized his voice and wouldn't follow another, unknown voice. He was their Good Shepherd.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd for all of humankind. Jesus placed himself in the role of a shepherd and predicted that he would give his life for his sheep. Although his sheepfold began in

Israel, he hopes to have one flock made up of the whole world. His flock is the Church he founded and all who follow his voice are his sheep.



Q & A Is it better to say formula or spontaneous prayers?

Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God and any form of prayer is key to maintaining a strong relationship with God.

Formula prayers are memorized prayers someone has written, while spontaneous prayers are vocalizations that come from the heart. Both types of prayer have the same goals – to praise God, ask for his help, to thank him, and reflect on his goodness.

When young Catholics are often taught formula prayers, such as the "Our Father", "Apostles Creed", and "Hail Mary", to help us learn about God and to develop the habit of speaking with him. Then, as we grow in our faith, praying spontaneously from the heart becomes another, more personal option. It is possible, and even fruitful, to combine both forms in our communication with God.

For example, spontaneous prayer during Eucharistic Adoration is made richer by enjoying the silence and presence of God. In turn, beginning Adoration with the Rosary – a formula prayer - can lay the groundwork for a higher level of spontaneous prayer.

Feasts & Celebrations

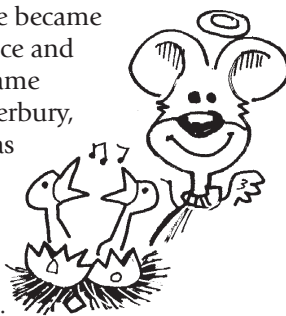
April 5 – Easter Sunday. The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and asked that the Sunday after Easter

become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a carefree life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.



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You are invited to attend an informational presentation at Sacred Heart Family Center on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.



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