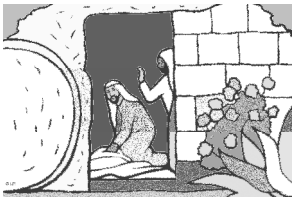


April 12: Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord



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

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord, April 12
(Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9)

- 6:30 am- Douglas Bludau
- 8:00 am- Russell Grahmann
- 10:30 am- Joe & Benita Pavlu



Monday, April 13 (Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15)

- 7:00 am- Lorene Fuller
- 10:00 am- Donald Owen (Hallettsville Rehab)



Tuesday, April 14 (Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18)

- 7:00 am- Bennett & Hilda Treptow

Wednesday, April 15 (Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35)

- 7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Nickolas Janak Family
- 8:05 am- Hazel Cleveland

Thursday, April 16 (Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48)

- 7:00 am- Frank J. & Andela Zabransky
- 10:00 am- John Haas, Sr. & Margie Chanek (Stevens)



Friday, April 17 (Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14)

- 7:00 am- Willie & Rosie Migl; Reinhold & Mary Koenig
- 8:05 am- Frank & Mary (Grahmann) Haas

Saturday, April 18 (Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15)

- 7:00 pm- Joe & Irene Drabek

Sunday, April 19 (Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31)

- 8:00 am- For our Parish Family
- 10:30 am- Joe Zappe (First Communion)

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Vigil Light: Special intention (family).

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,294.50; Loose-\$1,598; Children's-\$41; Rice Bowl-\$1,140; Bldg. Repair-\$742; Church Endowment-\$80; School Endowment-\$395.

Anniversaries:

Robert & Loraine Butschek	61 years	April 12
Stephen & Renee Bludau	25 years	April 14
Paulie & Anita Pesek	45 years	April 18

Easter Flower donations are being accepted & may be dropped off at the Rectory or placed in an envelope with your name & dropped in the church collection basket.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Bernie Bludau* of our parish family; and, *John Hoyman*, father of Sandra Morgan. *May they and all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Almighty God, our Father, in Your infinite mercy & goodness, please bless us with the gift of bountiful rain.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

-Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale after 8:00 am Mass.



MONDAY, APRIL 13

- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.
- KJT meeting, 6:30 p.m., Mary's House.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., Family Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Spiritual Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.
- Divine Mercy prayer, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

-First Communion practice at 9:00 a.m. in church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3:00 p.m. in church.
- Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic Adoration.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Deacon Marvin Fikac, Mary Laas, Jacque Holchak, Alvin Rosenauer, Frank Luke, Macey Moeller, Margaret Flores, Mary Ann Gaitan, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Debbie Fishbeck, Josie Ohnheiser, Clint Brewer, Mason Leibham, Josie Muniz, David Tomek, Riley Mika, Joyce Svetlik, Louise Tesch, Mary Bonorden, Marie Grafe, Loraine Butschek, Jesse Cavazos, Bernice Woytek, Evelyn Henke, Lillie Sitka, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Thelma Mikulenska, Alphonse Steffek, Bill Chapline, Maggie Volcik, Matthew Walker, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Sylvester Garza, Harry Jackson, Helen M. Appelt, Luke Bludau, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Hedwig Greer, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Milada Netardus, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Gertrude Janak, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Ronnie Dierschke, Elsie Steffek, Leonard Kubena, nursing home residents & the homebound.



Prayer for our Nation: Gracious & loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America. **Bless our President.** Give him wisdom & strength to serve the American people & lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you. **Bless our Congress.** Instill in them knowledge & understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life – from the unborn to the elderly; & promote the good of all people. **Bless the people of the United States.** Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice & equality. Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time

of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country and our world. *We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord & Savior. Amen.*

From the Desk of Father John

Fr. Michael and I wish you and your family a very blessed Easter. This has been a very good Lent. Many people have taken the time and made the effort to attend daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, and to do many works of charity and make many sacrifices. It has been a time of true spiritual growth for many people. As we celebrate this great Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection, let us resolve to keep growing in our spirituality throughout the year.

Next Sunday, April 19th, we will have a Holy Hour in church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Everyone is invited to come and pray as St. Faustina has passed on to us this devotion to Our Lord.

Operation Rice Bowl – Thank you for your support of Operation Rice Bowl 2009.



The Youth ConneXion



April 19: Music ministry meet in the Youth House at 3:00 p.m. Youth meet in church at 5:00 p.m. Firefall at 6:00 p.m. There will be no youth gathering or social after Firefall.

Interested in worshipping through music? Bring your voice and/or instrument to the Youth House & let's play or learn together on Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call Lee Ann 798-5005 for more information.

Religious Education ~ Janice Busselman 798-3124

April 18: First Communion practice at 9:00 a.m.

April 19: First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

April 25: Confirmation practice at 9:00 a.m.

April 26: Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

If you would like your contribution statement for 2008, please **CALL the Rectory to request your statement BEFORE coming by.** Thank you for your consideration.

Calendar Membership: Apr.1: Jill Bludau-\$100; Apr.2: Blahuta Advertising-\$100; Apr.3: Sherry Henke-\$100; Apr.6: Roger & Beverly Janak-\$50; Apr.7: Daniel & Dorothy Rother-\$50



Prayer for Rain: Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. We place our trust in You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with

the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be made glad. Amen.

KJT District III meeting, April 19, Wied Hall. Registration 10 am; Mass 11 am. Please bring a dessert for the meal. Members, their families & prospective members are invited.

Sacred Heart Catholic School News (361) 798-4251

***Classes dismissed** April 9, 10 & 13 for Easter.

***Marathon:** Friday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. All funds raised benefit SHCS. A donation form is enclosed in the bulletin for your use & may be dropped in the church collection basket or mailed to 313 S. Texana St. If you are interested in being a Corporate Sponsor, please call Nanci Hadash (979) 562-2292. Thank you in advance for your continued support & generosity.

A Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women (high school seniors through 50 years old) will be held April 25 – 26 at Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria. If you are interested, you may check them out at www.iwbsvictoria.org, or call (361) 575-7111 or email iwbsvoc@yahoo.com.



Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord

No one is quite sure where or when the saying began, but it has become a mantra of young people to want to "find themselves." They search and search, looking for answers as to who they are when they truthfully don't even know what the questions are! Many times, they flee their homes in anger, having decided that it is their families that are holding them back, and if they are ever going to make it in the world they will have to do it elsewhere. Their hearts become hard as stone, so hard in fact that no amount of talking will move them.

Today, we celebrate the most glorious day of the church, the resurrection of Jesus Christ as He had promised. Our choirs will sing stirring hymns of praise, and we will dress in our finest. But take a few minutes today to think of that morning mentioned in today's Gospel reading from John. It is quiet and dark, shortly before the first few rays of the sun are visible. The sealed tomb is no longer sealed, the massive stone having been rolled away from the entrance despite the presence of a guard. Peter and John, who ran from Jesus at His arrest, now run to find Him again. Seeing His burial cloths removed, they believe.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that in His dying and resurrection, Jesus has "opened" heaven to all who would believe in Him with unwavering faith (CCC 1026). All too often, we hold the pains and sins of our lives like a stone, placed firmly in front of our minds and our hearts so that we cannot see the love of Christ which lives in us. Even though we've put the stone there, we cannot remove it by ourselves. At some point, we need only to ask the one who removed the stone



2,000 years ago, and He will move ours as well.

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