



**He is Risen!
Alleluia!
April 16, 2017**



In the solemn Easter Proclamation (also known as the Exsultet) sung at the Easter Vigil, we hear these wonderful words: "O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!" The Death and Resurrection of Jesus should move us to recognize the great love God has for us in saving us.

If somebody were to save our lives, it would seem right and just for us to treat that person with greater respect and love. Our gratitude for being alive would motivate us to show our appreciation by the way that we treat that person. How much more should that be the case with Jesus who has saved our lives? After all, what He has saved is our soul so that we can be with Him for eternity in Heaven! The greatest response that we can give to Him is by worshipping Him at Mass each Sunday. In fact, every Sunday is known as a little Easter, during which we recall His victory for us. If we are truly grateful for this wonderful gift that He has given to us, then we would never want to miss taking the opportunity to give Him thanks and praise for that gift, receiving the grace and strength from the Eucharist to persevere on our pilgrimage throughout life on the way to our participation in the Resurrection at the end of our lives.

It is not my intention to single out those who might be present with us only occasionally, such as Christmas and Easter. This is something we all need to take to heart, myself included. Regardless of how we have shown our gratitude in the past toward Christ for this gift, we are not defined by that past. We can all start anew by making a resolution to making Sunday Mass a greater priority. This means far more than just showing up, though I am certainly encouraging that! It also means being actively engaged in the Mass. Some say they don't get anything out of Mass, but let me challenge you with this question: What do you put into Mass? All of us can do a better job of that. We come first and foremost to give Him thanks for saving our lives. With that awareness, we should then want to show our gratitude by our full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy!

I wish all of you a very Blessed Easter and I look forward to having you with us every Sunday as we give thanks and praise to Jesus for this gift of our salvation that Jesus has won for us. Alleluia!

-Father Alford

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 15th

- 9:00 a Morning Prayer
Preparation Rites of the Elect
- 9:30 a Servers Training for Easter Vigil
- 10:00 a Preparation of Church for Easter Decor
- 8:00 p **Easter Vigil Mass** (Int: All Souls†)
Easter Sunday, April 16th

- 8:00 a & 10:30 a **Masses** (Int: Parish Family)
- 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nancy Calvert
Monday, April 17th

Office Closed

5:30 p **NO Mass**

Tuesday, April 18th

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
- 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- 9:00 a **Counting Team #3**
- 7:00 p **K of C meeting**

Wednesday, April 19th

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
- 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- 6:30 p **PSR/Child Safety Session**

Thursday, April 20th

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)
- 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, April 21st

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Thomas O'Connor, Sr.†)
- 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, April 22nd

- 2:00 p **Nickel-May Wedding**
- 3:45 p Confessions
- 4:30p **Mass** (Int: Kathy Blsko†)
First Reception of Holy Communion:
Molly Eichholz, Joseph Heiple,
Ehren Woehrmann

Sunday, April 23rd

- 7:30 a **Confessions**
- 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Parish Family)
- 9:10 a **PSR**
- 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
- 9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
- 9:45 a **Confessions**
- 10:30 a **Masses** (Int: Anna Auxier)
First Reception of Holy Communion:
Samuel Lindstrom, Jamie Berberet

**In case of an emergency,
call 217-498-9197, choose option 2.**



Parish Sacrificial Giving
Fiscal Year 7/1/16-6/30/17

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (108)	\$ 5,545.75	\$226,126.55
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,779.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (11)	\$ 340.00	\$ 11,601.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,417.00
Poor Fund	\$ 43.00	\$ 2,975.97
Children’s Stewardship (0)	0.00	\$ 51.30
Catholic Relief Serv. (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 885.00
Seminarians (3)	\$ 25.00	\$ 181.00
Holy Land (3)	\$ 21.00	\$ 178.00
East/Central Europe (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,126.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 4.00	\$ 1,337.00
Cath. Home Missions(1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	130	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, April 22nd – 8:00 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Riedle
 Deacon Heiple

Lectors: S & I Long

Servers: Gladson, Heiple, Long, Jr.

Hospitality: Dambacher Family

Sunday, April 24th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, J & N Calvert, Deacon Ray

Lectors: C & D Merriman

Servers: Lauwerens, Newman, Zeidler

Hospitality: G & K Park, R & B Yong

Sunday, April 24th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, Livengood, Van Dyke
 Deacon Tom

Lectors: Maynerich, A Toliver

Servers: A & A Livengood, Ryan

Minister of Care: Nelson

Hospitality: Fjelstul Family

CLOW: Kohlrus, B Toliver

Volunteer for this week: April 17th – April 23rd

Church Dusters: Dianne Felts

Recycling Vol. April: Jerry Calvert

April Food Volunteer: Jeanette Waters

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, April 23rd:

Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Tues. April 18 7:00 pm. K of C meeting

Thurs. & Fri. April 27 & 28 4:00 p.m. Garage

Sale sorting & preparation

Sat. April 28 8:00-noon Garage Sale

Mon. May 1 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Mon, May 1 2:00 pm Fishes & Loaves

Sat, May 6 9:30 am-4:30 pm Confirmation Retreat

SCRIPTURE READINGS: April 16th – April 23rd

EASTER SUNDAY HE IS RISEN!

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

COL 3:1-4

JN 20:1-9

Monday: ACTS 2:14, 22-33 MT 28:8-15
Tuesday: ACTS 2:36-41 JN 20:11-18
Wednesday: ACTS 3:1-10 LK 24:13-35
Thursday: ACTS 3:11-26 LK 24:35-48
Friday: ACTS 4:1-12 JN 21:1-14
Saturday ACTS 4:13-21 MK 16:9-15
Second Sunday of Easter:
ACTS 2:42-47 1PT 1:3-9 JN 20:19-31

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

Rachel Copp, parishioner
Jim Hundley, husband of Elaine Hundley
Tracy Medler, sister of Chuck Kuntzman
Tony Magro, Sr, father of Tony Magro Jr.
Jack Zucco, son of Marc & Carrie Zucco
Jim & Mary Kates, parishioners
Len Howard, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
David Laub, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Mary Ann Midden, mother of Kathleen Quinn
Phil Wiese, son-in-law of Evelyn Conboy
Mark Conboy, son of Evelyn Conboy
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Ray Roth Sr., father of Deacon Ray Roth
Jim Reiser, father of Kevin Reiser
Maureen Sphar, mother of Susan Shea
Joanne O’Connor, sister of Ginger Rentschler
F. Ray Camille, brother-in-law of JoAnn Camille
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Fr. John Sohm, Retired Priest
Elizabeth Moose, friend of Barb Scoggins
Don Chernisky, cousin of Sue Bozarth
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
Raymond Ruppel, father of Beth Auxier

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The sharing of new life through our Catholic faith continues in the sacraments of initiation as we celebrate infant Baptisms, Receptions into Full Communion and the First Reception of Holy Communion throughout the next 7 weeks of Easter as we approach the great feast of Pentecost.

Schedule of First Communions and Baptism

- April 22: Molly Eichholz, Joseph Heiple and Ehren Woehrmann
April 23: Samuel Lindstrom, Jamie Berberet
April 29: Miles Carroll, Conner Carroll
April 30: Matt Zeidler, Annie Hardiek, Douglas Sommer, Rachel Deen
May 6: Jen Florent, Nic Mrozowski, Luke Hutchinson (Baptism)
May 13: Jessica Megginson, Shannon Harrison
May 14: Nicole Lowder, Logan Carmody, Jack Zucco, Lyndsi Reid
May 20: Frankie Stefano, Abbey Wacaser, Jill Beckham



The 2017 Mission Trip Group is selling Raffle Tickets. The prize is a choice of \$650.00 cash, \$650.00 shopping spree at Scheel's, or a whole hog processed by Magro's Meats. Tickets sell for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. You can purchase your ticket(s) from any mission trip participant, or contact the parish office. The drawing will be **Sunday, April 23rd.**



Attention: Knights of Columbus

Our Appreciation Dinner for those Knights & Parishioners who assisted in our many projects will be held at the Chesapeake Seafood Restaurant on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. There will be a cash bar from 5:30 pm to 6:00pm and dinner will follow at 6:00 pm with choices from their banquet menu. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in foyer of the Church before the deadline of May 11th.



Rice Bowls and Loving Arms Baby Bottles

If you have been collecting your change in the Baby Bottles and/or Rice Bowls, now is the time to turn them in! Please bring them to the parish office or to church so we can send in money to these worthwhile organizations. Thank you for your generosity.



Hockey with Bishop Paprocki



The annual Catholic Charities fundraiser to benefit Catholic Charities Legal Services, which provides pro bono legal assistance to people in need is scheduled for this Wednesday, April 19 at 7 pm at the Nelson Center in Springfield. The "Holy Goalie" Bishop Paprocki will be in the nets. Please come to watch the game and support a good cause. **Our pastor, Father Alford, will also be playing in this year's game, so feel free to come and root him on!**



Parish Garage Sale

As you are doing your spring cleaning and wondering what you are going to do with those items you no longer need, consider donating them to the Parish Garage/Rummage Sale, to be held **Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.** Items to be donated can be brought to the Parish Center Thursday, April 27 & Friday, April 28 during office hours.

The Dominican Sisters of Springfield are opening a **House of Hospitality** for single, Christian women, ages 21-35, who would like to share in a faith community with other women. For more information, contact Sr. Teresa at 217-787-0481. There are brochures in the back of the Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield. Rev. Christopher House will preside over a Prayer Service that will include: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Readings, Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, Recitation of the Chaplet and Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available. Mass will not be a part of this Celebration. All are welcome.



**A CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP**



**Prayer for the Fourth Synod
of the Diocese of Springfield in
Illinois**

O God, who never forsake your people and ever journey with them through the struggles and joys of daily life,

stir up the flame of faith in the hearts of your sons and daughters in our Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Help us to experience anew your great love for us and fill us with a greater desire to love and serve you and our neighbor.

Throughout this time of our fourth diocesan synod, help us, by the light of the Holy Spirit, to discern the needs of our local Church and better follow Christ your Son as intentional disciples.

Open our hearts and minds to know your will, to speak the truth with love, and to hear each other, that together we might plan, with the help of your grace, for the strengthening and growth of our diocese.

May Mary, the Immaculate Conception, first and greatest of all disciples, lead us closer to your Son.

May she accompany us as we follow the call to live as his disciples and as generous stewards of your many gifts.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GARDEN PLOTS
STILL AVAILABLE**



So far, four of the ten garden plots have been “adopted” by those who would like to plant their own assortment of

flowers or vegetables. If you would like to adopt one or more sections, all that we ask is that it be sufficiently tended throughout the growing and harvesting seasons and that a portion is donated for the benefit of those organizations who serve the needy. For a positive shared experience, consider taking a plot for your group, class or family. If you are interested, please call the office this coming week. Soon we’ll be offering everyone (St. Jude garden adopters and beyond) the opportunity to take home some vegetables and flower seed packets.



Koinonia Retreat Weekend for Divorced or Separated Catholics (DASK) and other Christians, Friday, April 21-Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Todd Hall Retreat Center, 320 Todd Hall Center Drive, Columbia, IL. Cost \$110.00 includes room, double occupancy and six meals. Call Jean (314-775-1253) for brochure & registration. A \$50.00 deposit will reserve a space.

Timothy Retreat is a 24-hour Catholic Junior High retreat lead by high school and college youth. The retreat focuses on 1Timothy 4:12: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” This year’s retreat will be held at St. John Vianney church in Sherman, IL, April 21 & 22, 2017. For more information, check our website:

<http://timothyretreatnorth.weebly.com/>.

Geranium Sale: The St. Therese Guild from the Church of the Little Flower are again selling geraniums. Order forms are available for download at <http://littleflowerchurch.net>, St. Therese Guild Geranium Sale or from the Little Flower church office. The cost is \$2.50 per plant, which must be paid when placing the order. Mail orders with money (payable to “St. Therese Guild”) to St. Therese Guild, 800 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, IL 62703 at least by Friday, April 14. Pick up plants at the Little Flower Parish Center on Saturday, April 29, 8:00 a.m. – noon. Questions: contact Nancy (494-3077) or Janet (494-4743). Thank you.

Easter joy



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

—Mother Teresa