

He is Risen! Alleluia!
April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter



In the Jewish celebration of the Passover, it is a traditional practice to sing a song recounting the many things that the Lord has done for His chosen people, including delivering them from slavery in Egypt to bringing them to the Promised Land where they would worship Him in the Temple. Each stanza concludes with the Hebrew word 'dayenu', which basically means: it would have been enough.

As Christians, we have many more things to include in that litany of thanksgiving for the many mighty deeds that the Lord has done for us, His chosen people, through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It would have been enough if Jesus would have stopped with His Resurrection, but He did more. He sent the Holy Spirit on His Church on the day of Pentecost. It would have been enough for Him to do that to get the Church started, but He did more – He shares those very same gifts with each of us!

Maybe we remember memorizing the names of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as a child, or as we prepared to receive Confirmation. But do we really appreciate what these gifts actually do for us? I sometimes like to call them our spiritual performance enhancing drugs that enable us to do things that we would not otherwise be able to do. And don't worry, these are totally legal, so we shouldn't fear making use of them in our daily lives as His disciples.

Including this Sunday, we have seven Sundays until Pentecost, so I'd like to examine these gifts so that we can be more open to their working in our lives. This, I believe, is an appropriate time since our living the new life of Christ won for us in the Resurrection means living lives guided by the Holy Spirit. Since I've already exhausted my room in this article, I will combine two of the gifts in one article at some point during this season. Until then, let me encourage you to prepare to grow in your appreciation for these gifts by praying a very simple, yet powerful prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

-Father Alford

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 call 217-498-9197, choose option 2.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: April 23rd – April 30th

Second Sunday of Easter:

ACTS 2:42-47 1PT 1:3-9 JN 20:19-31

Monday: ACTS 4:23-31 JN 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1PT 5:5B-14 MK 16:15-20

Wednesday: ACTS 5:17-26 JN 3:16-21

Thursday: ACTS 5:27-33 JN 3:31-36

Friday: ACTS 45:34-42 JN 6:1-15

Saturday ACTS 6:1-7 JN 6:16-21

Third Sunday of Easter:

ACTS 2:14, 22-33 1PT 1:17-21 LK 24:13-35

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:

- Andrew Lacy**, son of David & Kelly Lacy
- 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
- Darlene Moroney**, sister of Edna Saputo
- 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
- Robert Van Hook**, cousin of Frances Tomashavich
- Madeline Conant**, friend of Laurie White

In Sympathy

- Robert Green**, father of Julie Lohmar
- David Leach**, son of Trish Leach
- Raymond Ruppel**, father of Beth Auxier

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.



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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (16)	\$ 435.00	\$226,561.55
Electronic funds (25)	\$ 2,943.10	\$ 44,722.90
Bldg. Dev. Fund (2)	\$ 25.00	\$ 11,626.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (11)	\$ 498.00	\$ 6,915.00
Poor Fund	\$ 43.00	\$ 2,975.97
Children's Stewardship (2)	7.00	\$ 58.30
Seminarians (41)	\$ 742.00	\$ 923.00
Holy Land (34)	\$ 717.00	\$ 895.00
Cath. Home Missions(8)	\$ 110.00	\$ 145.00
Easter Collection (110)	\$ 5,052.00	\$ 5,897.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	206	
Number of electronic contributions:	43	

Saturday, April 22nd
2:00 p Nickel-May Wedding
3:45 p Confessions
4:30p **Mass** (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
 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 **Confessions/Choir Rehearsal**
10:30 a **Masses** (Int: Anna Auxier)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Samuel Lindstrom, Jamie Berberet

Monday, April 24th
9:00 a **Counting Team #4**
5:00 p Confessions/Reconciliation
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Long & Figueroa families†)

Tuesday, April 25th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, April 26th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Parish Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **PSR/2017-18 Pre-registration**

Thursday, April 27^h
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
4-7:00 p **Garage Sale set-up**

Friday, April 28th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Louis Murrill†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
4-7:00 p **Garage Sale set-up**

Saturday, April 29th
8-noon **Parish Garage Sale**
3:45 p Confessions
4:30p **Mass** (Int: Angela Sendejas†)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Miles Carroll, Conner Carroll

Sunday, April 30th
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Peyton Zeidler
9:10 a **PSR/2017-18 Pre-registration**
Child Safety Session
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a **Confessions/Choir Rehearsal**
10:30 a **Masses** (Int: Fred Bartlett†)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Annie Hardiek, Douglas Sommer,
 Rachel Deen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, April 29th – 4:30 p.m.
Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, Scheufele, White
 Deacon Roth
Lectors: Day, Dwyer
Servers: Callahan, Torres, Zack
Hospitality: B & D Jemison, D & J Kratz

Sunday, April 30th – 8:00 a.m.
Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Rayhill,
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: Deimel, Newman
Servers: Lauwerens, Newman, Zeidler
Hospitality: D & M Anderson, McWard, Parnell

Sunday, April 30th – 10:30 a.m.
Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, Clare, Warren
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: Schudel, Warren
Servers: J, K, G Petty
Minister of Care: Calvert
Hospitality: Decker Family
CLOW: B & A Toliver

Volunteer for this week: April 24th – April 30th

Church Dusters: Donna Spurlock

Recycling Vol. April: Jerry Calvert

April Food Volunteer: Jeanette Waters

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, April 30th:

Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

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

Mon, May 8 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

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, Camden Berberet
April 29: Miles Carroll, Conner Carroll
April 30: Peyton Zeidler, Annie Hardiek, Douglas Sommer, Rachel Deen
May 6: Hannah Florent, Nicholas Mrozowski Luke Hutchinson (Baptism)
May 13: Lane Megginson, Lyla Harrison
May 14: Audrey Lowder, Logan Carmody Jack Zucco, Beck Reid
May 20: Frankie Stefano, Carson Wacaser, Chase Beckham
June 4: Samantha Kerley



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.**



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.



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.

PSR NEWS – It's that time of year again. PSR Registration is coming for the 2017-18 year. We will start with early PSR registration (pre-registration). PSR Registration forms have been sent out and the dates for pre-registration are **April 26th, April 30th, May 3rd, and May 7th.** If you register early, we can have a good start in figuring out next year's classes. We will still have Wednesday evening classes just like this year. How many Sunday classes will depend on how our pre-registration goes, and how many children are registered for each class. We will make the determination about the number of Sunday classes after Sunday, May 14th. **Please help us prepare by registering early!**



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.

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.

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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.

Thank you to all who gave to the Easter Flower fund in memory or in honor of loved ones.

Tom & Cherie Doherty, Christine & Harold Nickles, Carlo & Jan Catalano, Ed & Judy Bedore, Al 7 Betty Limper, Sharon Saner, Jeff & Mary Jo Jasinski, Muriel Gatschenberger, David & Carol Foltz, Mary Ann Egizio, John & Angie Powell, Janet & David Foster, Don & Roberta Vanover, Rita & David Harper, Gregory Long, Vito & Edna Saputo, Mark & Becky Hanna, Troy & Kristi Adams, Alan & Lindsay Howard, Brian & Amy Sommer, Kathy Smith, Brian & Megan Earheart, Allan & Zana Dahlkamp, Leo & Shirley Crawford, Leonard & Wilma Howard, Randy & Jennifer Western, Frances Beals, Fr. Brian Alford, Dan & Bev Connolly, Kay & Terry Foster, John & Sarah Kerley, Joe & Kristin Kohlrus, Jim & Darlene Kratz, Stephen & Emily Prather, Kevin & Carrie Ward, John Hogan, Doug Wuellner, Beth & Les Auxier, Mary & Henry Gartner, Steve & Patricia Jones, Christopher & Susan Lindstrom, Mayme Benson, Charles & Catherine Davis, Gary & Ruth Ann Helling, Steven & Isabel Long

Patricia Leach – *in memory of Lisa Leach, Lum Leach, Joan Mavis*

Frances Kincaid – *in memory of David Kincaid, Timothy Kincaid*

Jan & Carroll Heissinger – *in memory of Brian Heissinger, Wilma & Bob Cooney*

Diane & Terry Arthur – *in memory of Robert Cavitt, Luke Brian Arthur*

Lenna DeGroot – *in memory of Lum Leach, Lisa Leach, Steve Dwyer, Albert Ramsey*

Steve & Debbie Decker – *in memory of James Decker Sr., Wilma Decker, Donald Martin Sr., Jackie Martin*

Jim & Jean Allen – *in memory of Michael Burns, Margaret Burns, Michael E. Burns, Patrick Burns, James Burns*

Gary & Paulette Dumonceaux – *in memory of Ashton & Dumonceaux family members, Joan Poole*

George & Marie Ginter – *in memory of Margaret Jenkins, Janina Ginter, Sue Mowery*

Greg & Kathy Park – *in memory of Eric Park, Catherine Farley, Kathy Blasko*

Joe & Cheryl Biesiada – *in memory of Mike Biesiada, Rose Biesiada*

Kyle & Alisa Blumhorst – *in memory of Harvey Blumhorst*

Rita Russell – *in memory of George Russell, Ray Sendejas, Angela Sendejas, Brian Heissinger*

Barb Sinkus – *in memory of Bill Sinkus*

Brad & Amy Zack – *in memory of Joe & Judy Arbise*

Gil & Ev Deimel – *in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Deimel, Mr. & Mrs. Verner Spitz*

Dianne & James Felts – *in memory of Geraldine Quirin*

James & Barbara Scheufele – *in memory of Bob & Marian Scheufele, Barney & Margie Frese*

