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Church of Sacred Heart



Alleluia

CHRIST IS RISEN!

ON EASTER 2018

In this year's Gospel reading for the Easter Vigil, Saint Mark writes that a "young man is sitting on the right side of the tomb" who speaks to Jesus' disciples. Many scholars believe that the young man was an angel who says to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

As those words were addressed to the first disciples on that very first Easter morning, they are also directed to us today. Furthermore, just as their hearts were slow to believe, so too are our hearts slow to put our trust and confidence in Resurrected Jesus, the Son of God. Even after all of the miracles that the disciples had seen, and even after we have read the Gospels- who is our God? Who do we believe in?

Who is our God? Is our God success? Is our God advancing in our work? Is our God money? Is our God being number one? Is God in our sports? Even though we know that success, work, money, being number one, or sports cannot give us long and lasting happiness, we all too often seek these worthless and empty things even though cannot satisfy our hungry hearts longing for something meaningful and life giving.

Yet, if you are reading this on this Easter night or day, your hearts deep down do desire the only one who can satisfy our hearts, and that is Jesus Christ, and He alone. The only one who can forgive sins and give us the gift of eternal life is Jesus Christ. He is the only one who is the Truth, the one who is mercy, who is love, and who desires the good for every human being.

Today we celebrate that good news in the midst of a world with human hearts experiencing the cruelty of a world full of brokenness, loneliness, and sinfulness. Not only do we believe that Our Lord has risen, but also, He gives us hope, peace, and new life in this world of agony and misery. We believe in His promise that following Him will bring us a life of love, meaningfulness, and joy. Then again, this is only if we put our faith, trust and confidence in the one who has risen from the dead today.

Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome went to seek the Lord after the young man in the Gospel of Mark told these women to tell the incredible and inconceivable news to Peter and the other disciples; moreover, to go to Galilee where they will find the Resurrected Jesus. They followed the young man or angel's suggestion and went to Galilee where they in fact saw the Lord. When they sought and found the Risen Lord, their hearts were full of love and joy.

We too can encounter that same love, joy, and meaningfulness when we seek the Risen Lord in our lives. Will you and I be seeking the Resurrected Savior this Easter and beyond, the one who brings us the fullness of life with meaning, love, and joy?

Happy Easter, Father Shane



*Wishing you the joy and hope given to us
by Christ's resurrection.*

*Have a Blessed Easter
Fr. Shane, Fr. Fitzgerald,
Fr. Chuck & the Parish Staff*

April 1, 2018

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 4

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, April 6

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, April 7

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 8

Fr. Chuck St. Gregory's 8:30 am

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Chuck St. Gregory's 10:30 am

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King

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Bill Peno

Mary Knack

Wayne King

Robby Murry

Heidi Blatz

David Gaul

Cecilia Shinler

Joan Parkin

Ariel Thull-Rulfzen

Jim Notsch

Margaret Brooker

Marvin Johnson

Arlene Greenhagen

Gerald Mollberg

Jim Mitchell

Judie Peltier

Betty Erickson

Phyllis Swanson

Nick Cieminski

Betty Anderson

Ashley Thull-Rulfzen

Bob Wilbur

Kim Sarago

Jim Kirchberg

Ethel Thomas

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Sue Roth

Abby Larson

Dick Stoks

Tom Solorz

Colleen Najewski

Lenny Anderson

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"When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in HIS own time and HIS own way."

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Kevin Smith

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Sunday, April 8 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Al Walz, David Prickett

Communion: Beth Churchsmith, Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson*

Gifts: Mihm Family

Ushers: Rodney Swanson, Craig

Peterson, Don Belland

Servers: Brodrick Larson

NEWS



ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms-and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl has ended as we encountered our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. If you haven't already please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

Fish Fry Results will be in next week's bulletin.



If you did not receive a mailing form the Catholic service appeal, envelopes are available in the back of the church. Drop it in the plate or mail it directly to the CSAF processing center.

MASS INTENTIONS



April 7

Open

April 8

Jacque Simays

April 14

Tony Debevec †

Faith Formation

On Sunday, April 8th, 9th Grade Confirmation candidates will be making their Rite of Choice and will be required to attend the 9:00 mass.

Sunday, April 8th, will be our last Youth Mass for this year of Faith Formation. All Faith Formation families should plan on attending.

A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,

You have risen to new life!

Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom.

Softens my gaze so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many.

May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory.

In your sacred name, I pray:

Amen.



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