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Wilmot: Saturdays 4:30 pm
Sundays 8:30 am
Fridays 8:00 am

Bristol: Sundays 10:30 am

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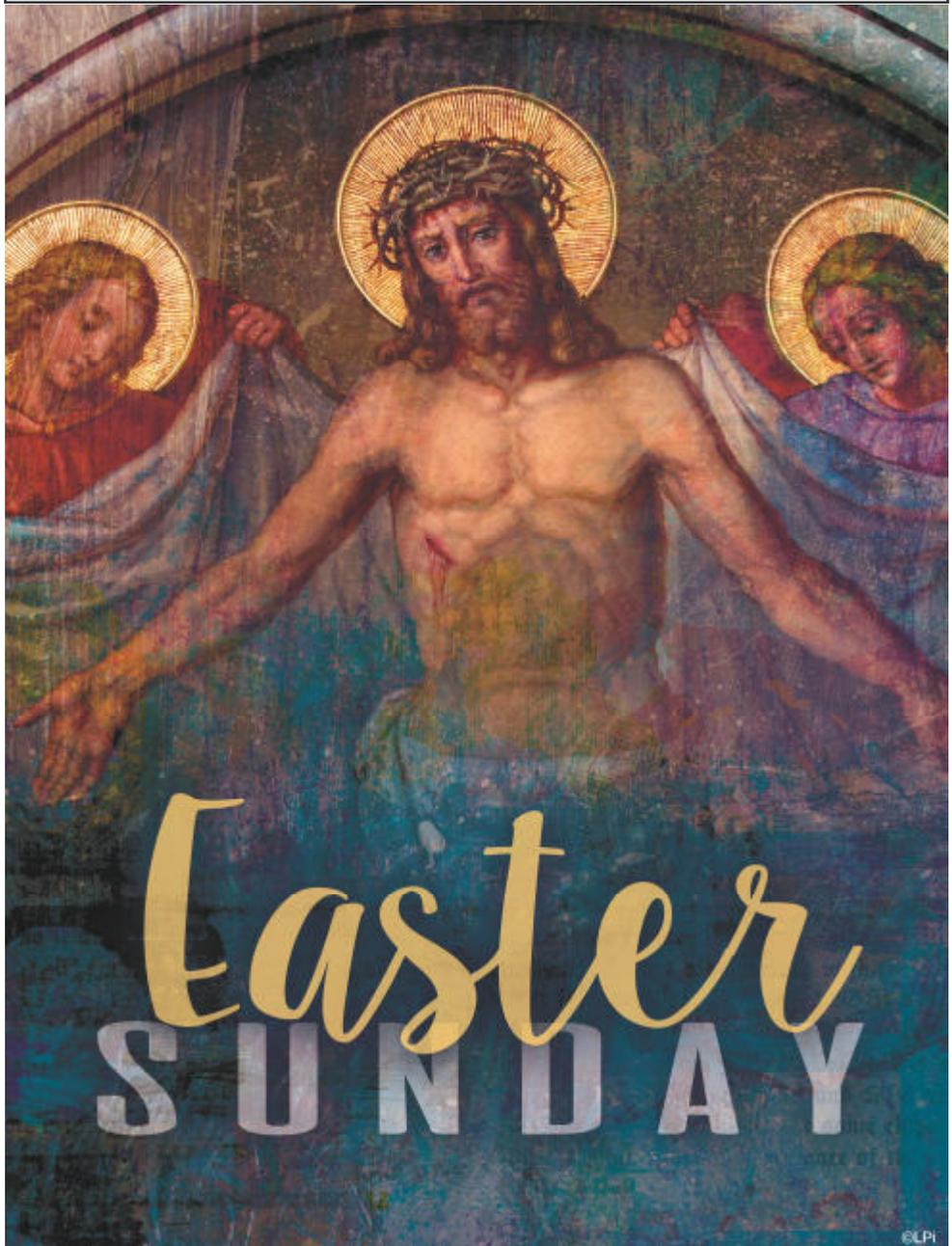
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April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday



Catholic Schools

Burlington Catholic Grade School (262) 763-1515
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A note from the Parish Director...

Dear Friends in Christ,

The entire Catholic faith hinges on Christ's death on the cross and his glorious Resurrection. Jesus redeemed us by his sacrificial love. He gave his life for ours that we might have life—abundant life in this world and eternal life after death. We are God's children, loved beyond measure. This is the **Good News** we celebrate today and every Sunday!

Last year we were unable to celebrate Easter as a community due to the closure of churches during the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of us watched Mass live-streamed or broadcasted on television. Without the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus together as a community, Easter didn't feel quite the same. This year is different. Thanks be to God! We gather with **renewed joy** and **filled with hope** of better days to come.

If this is your first time at Mass in a while, **welcome back!** May the peace of Jesus fill your mind, heart, and soul with His presence today. I invite you to return each week throughout the Easter season. Allow Christ to refresh your spirit by worshipping with us—your Holy Cross parish family.

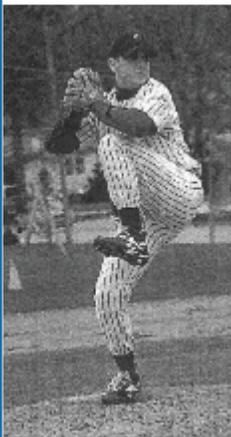
Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dr. Sandi

HOLY CROSS PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

July 2020 - February 2021
YTD Profit and Loss

Total Income	176,647
Total Expenses	184,224
Net Income	(7,577)

Catholic Central HS Historical Moment



"St. Mary's High School established their first baseball team of eighteen boys, led by Coach Vander Beke, in 1955. Almost forty-years later, the baseball team has come a long way. Coach Tom Uhen led the team for many years, including championship seasons in 1989, 1992 and 1993. Recently, the coaching staff changed, and Coach John Tibbets led the varsity team to another successful season. Looking towards the future, the baseball team should prove to be yet another valuable asset to Catholic Central." *Marian 1996*

Catholic Central High School Placement Exam

Know any 8th graders taking steps toward high school, interested in becoming a Hilltopper! Our goal is to serve fifty new freshmen in the fall of 2021. We are currently offering the exam on an appointment only basis. To schedule a time to take the exam or have any questions please contact Admissions at 262.763.1519 or email kschwenn@cchsnet.org

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April

Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happy-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Encounter the Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to support CRS Rice Bowl by going to crsricebowl.org.



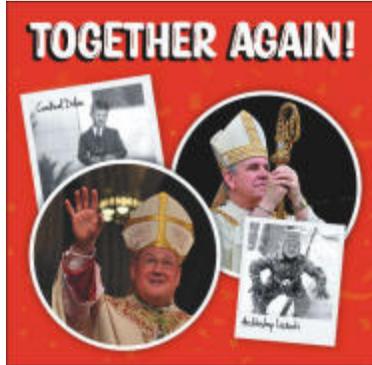
The Catholic Schools Dinner is now a Virtual Event!

Join in the laughter on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 PM as Archbishop ListECKI, Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Hying and Cardinal Harvey share stories with Portia Young about growing up Catholic and attending Catholic schools.

The event is FREE but donations are encouraged for the GIFTS (Grant Initiatives For Today's Students) program. These grants provide innovation in our Catholic Schools for resources needed to enhance student curriculum.

[Register Today!](#)

Contact Cindy Lukowitz at
lukowitzc@archmil.org
or 414-769-3572
with questions.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 4:30 Mass will remain at Wilmot throughout the year. It will not rotate back to Bristol this year.

Communion Fasting

Question:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer:

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast - it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize - we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

Gospel Meditation

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

- The last 9th/10th grade and Confirmation class will be held virtually/in-person at Wilmot, respectively, on **Sunday, April 11th 9:30-10:30am**.
- Safe Environment Week, this year, is April 18th-24th. Therefore, Safe Environment lessons will be emailed to parents on **April 11th**. More information will be given to parents within the next couple weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Miller at holycross.christianformation@gmail.com.

LITURGY OF THE DIVINE WORD

Readings for the week of April 4, 2021

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tues: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 /Lk 24:13-35

Thurs: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 /Jn 21:1-14

Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sun: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter Sunday

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, April 3

8:00 pm † Robert Pattie, req of Skip & Nancy Welzen

Sunday, April 4

8:30 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, April 4

10:30 am † Verna Ramelow, req of the Keefer family

Friday April 9, Bristol

8:00 am † Gale Ryzcek, req of Mary Ryzcek

2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Cross Parish - Wilmot

Saturday, April 10

4:30 pm † Helen Schneeweiss, req of Jim & Linda
Bakula

Sunday, April 11

8:30 am † Eleanor Skora, req of Joe & Krystyna Les

Holy Cross Parish - Bristol

Sunday, April 11

10:30 am For the living and deceased of Holy Cross

Sacraments

Baptisms:

Parents (registered members) are to attend a formation session prior to the baptism of the child. Please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact Dr. Sandi to arrange marriage preparation at least six months before the desired date of the marriage. One of the engaged must be a registered practicing parishioner.

Confessions:

First Saturday of the month at 3:30;

April-September at Bristol & October-March at Wilmot

SAINT OF THE DAY

Saint Isadore of Seville / April 4

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called “The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages” because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

Parish Mission Statement

Holy Cross Catholic Church, a rural faith community, lives the Gospel values by:

- † Striving to serve those in need
- † Forming children, youth, and adults as intentional Disciples of Christ and His Church
- † Working to strengthen our parish in light of changing times
- † Invoking the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the community through the empowerment of spiritual gifts

Holy Cross Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayer, contact Chuck Hiertz: phone (262) 843-2438 or email: hcprayerline@gmail.com

Email Notification

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