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Easter Sunday

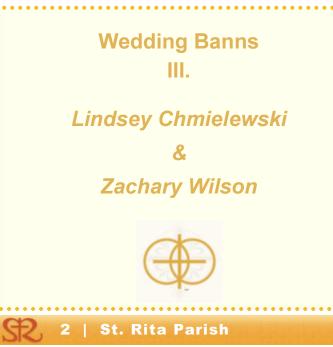
If you want to find out what Easter does not mean, just spend some time watching or reading the news. All of the negative and depressing news you see or read is not a sign that there is new life to be found in our world. No, Easter will not be found during the nightly newscast.

We find Easter where we find women and men alive with love for neighbors, near and afar. We find Easter when we see people caring for each other in all of the difficulties that life can bring. We find Easter when we see parents taking care of their children, even though it means giving up so much, so often. Whenever you and I bring some genuine life to another person, we are helping people to believe in the new life that Jesus offers through the earth-shattering event we call the Resurrection.

All this is so because the Resurrection of Jesus is not just a past historical fact. It is something that is present in our world at this very moment. The Resurrection is the background against which we live. As people of faith, we are asked always to remember Jesus' Resurrection and the hope that it gives us, no matter what is happening in our lives.

Easter calls us to live with a positive and encouraging attitude. There are so many ways in which we can bring new life to our family and friends. It seems we can never get enough of a gentle and genuine encouragement in our lives. There are many ways we can bring new life to one another. On this Easter day may we allow the risen Jesus to bring new life to us. And may we, in turn, bring that new life to one another.

Peace and the Joy of Easter be with you all, Fr. Michael





Thanks for coming to our St. Rita Lenten Fish Frys!

Over 70 of our parishioners volunteered so a Lenten Fish Fry could be held this year. Whether it was prepping, setting up tables and chairs, cooking, frying, serving, clearing tables, doing dishes, baking some delicious desserts, coming to eat at the fish fry or tearing down at the end of the night please know that it could not have been done without them. In the six weeks we served 2291 dinners! A huge thank you to all for your stewardship - giving of your time, your talent or your treasure to make this a great success.

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Ministers April 23 & 24

Lectors

4:45 PM	Diana Lerro Debbie Wollert
8:00 AM	Ryan Bouck Rosemary VanTreeck
10:30 AM	Nino Martinez Sharon Gierahn
<u>Eucharist</u>	
4:45 PM	Ruth Adamczyk Patricia Rossman Mary Simon
8:00 AM	Dave Eberle Lisa Olesen Mark Schmitz
10:30 AM	Rick Kais Edith Martinez Ray Pawlak Cathy Ramage
Altar Servers	
4:45 PM	Javier Acosta-Arciles Fernando Acosta-Arciles
8:00 AM	Max Lynott Ava Lynott
10:30 AM	John Nguyen Lily Nguyen

Congratulations Sr. Jana Anne!

Sr. Jana Anne will be professing her final Profession of Vows on Saturday, April 23.

Please say a prayer for her and an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life!



Parish Activities

MONDAY 4/18 Parish Office Closed

6:00 PM Scouts - Cascia Hall

TUESDAY 4/19 7:00 PM Finance Council - East Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY 4/20 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church

THURSDAY 4/21

FRIDAY 4/22 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Church

SATURDAY 4/23 1:00 PM Wedding - Church

3:30 PM Reconciliation - Church

SUNDAY 4/24

Parish Staff Directory

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 4/16

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass8:00 PM For our living and deceased parishioners

Sunday 4/17 Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Priest Intention

10:30 AM Priest Intention

Monday 4/18 Monday within the Octave of Easter No Mass

Tuesday 4/19 *Tuesday within the Octave of Easter* 8:00 AM † Richard Nitsch by Thomas Nitsch

Wednesday 4/20 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 AM † Rita Adamczyk by Jim Sisak

Thursday 4/21 Thursday within the Octave of Easter; St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:30 AM † Frank Brittelle by Eva Brittelle

Friday 4/22 Friday within the Octave of Easter 8:00 AM † Patricia Petro-Mueller by Al & Marlene Hegel

Saturday 4/23 Saturday within the Octave of Easter; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

> Vigil Mass: 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 4:45 PM † Don Mahoney by his wife Edie

Sunday 4/24 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM For our living and deceased parishioners

10:30 AM † Glen Kurhajec by his family

Pray for Our Parishioners

Courage & Protection for those serving in the Armed Forces

LT Jack L. Ramage (Navy) CPT Eric Ramage (Army) LT Colonel Geoff Gorsuch (Army) AC2 Michael Clingaman (Navy)

Comfort & Healing for the homebound, those who are ill & for their caregivers

John Allison, Bill Atkinson, Kay Bauer, Eva Brittelle, Claude Caldwell, Linda Fidler, Karen Garbo, Rita Hejny, Jack Hollow, Sylvia Hultman, Josephine Isaacson, Scarlet Johnson, Joan Kral, Donna Larsen, Diana Lesnjak, Helen Lindgren, Patrick Livingston, Jim Long, Ralph Lorentzen Ann Johnson Lorenzini, Jerry Lui, Chuck Majeski, Sarah Gabrielle Marquardt, Lee Molly Mathew, Martinez. Andrew Mattes, Dolores Meza, Berneice Otis, Mark Quinn, Riley Rocque, Tom Scherr, Melissa Smith, Germane Suchla, Judi Tomachek, Nick Torzala, Don & Rose Veselik. Dorothy Waltenberger, Kathy Weber, Warner Williams, Lou Woodfill and Kathy Zambo

Comfort & Peace for our Deceased & their loved ones

Robert (Bob) Rossman, 70, passed away on April 2. Funeral services were held on April 12.

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Mass Readings - Week of April 17, 2022	
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday	Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

The Parish Pastoral Council is Prophetic

The PPC is a change-agent of the Holy Spirit – a visionary group, interpreting the path the parish is to follow on its faith journey. The PPC establishes goals to move the parish forward. Those goals set the direction for the parish community, challenging it to grow in response to the gospel. What will our parish be like in 5

years? In ten years? Is the Holy Spirit calling you to be a change-agent? Can you provide positive leadership



in the role of a parish council member? Please continue to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we approach nomination Sunday.

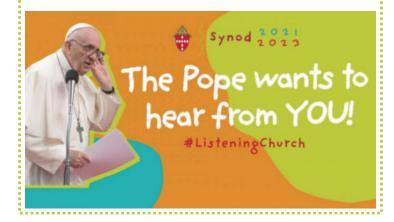


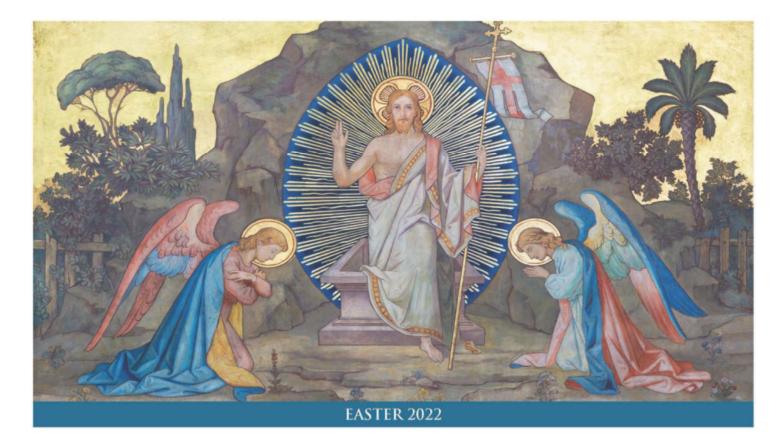
Pope Francis Wants Your Opinion!

Over the coming months, Catholics from around the world will be participating in a worldwide Synod, or consultation process. Lend your voice to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's response to Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality!

What would you like the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Pope Francis to know?

Visit https://www.archmil.org/About-us/Synod/ Synodality.htm, or https://tinyurl.com/5n6z4547 and share your thoughts.





Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

- 1 Peter 1:3

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come together this Easter, it gives me great pleasure to once again proclaim for all to hear: *Alleluia! He is Risen!* Our churches are open, most restrictions are removed and there is nothing separating us (physically) from the sacraments. We are back!

I am so grateful to God that we have turned the corner, and it appears the world is getting past the COVID pandemic. Looking back at this time two years ago, we made the decision to close our churches to public Mass and the sacraments as we fought to overcome the unknown virus. It was one of the hardest decisions we as a Church ever had to make, and one I hope will never happen again. We need to be in communion with God and each other at Mass, as we are called to fully embrace the Gift of Sunday in our lives.

I ask you, my dear brothers and sisters, how will you take what you experienced these last two years, and apply it to your life moving forward? Will you continue to grow in your love for God and one another by attending Mass more reverently, praying more consistently, and experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often? Will you offer personal sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, and make a commitment to attend daily Mass and say the rosary as often as possible? Will you keep your eyes on Jesus as you strive toward your heavenly reward? To all of these and more, I say yes!

This Easter and beyond, I invite you to come to Mass and experience the Lord's unending love for you. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and feel at peace. God loves you and wants to be in communion with you – will you answer His call?

With a heart full of gratitude for your faithfulness, I am, Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki

Religious Ed News

<u>High School Classes</u> Sunday, April 17 - **NO** Class Sunday, May 1 at 6:00 pm Sunday, May 15 at 6:00 pm

Contact Rachel at kroesR@stritaracine.org if you have questions about our program.

<u>Rehearsal Dates</u> Rehearsal for First Eucharist is Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 PM

Rehearsal for Confirmation is Tuesday, April 26 at 6:15 PM

<u>Save the Date!</u> Confirmation is Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 PM First Eucharist is Saturday, April 30 at 4:45 PM

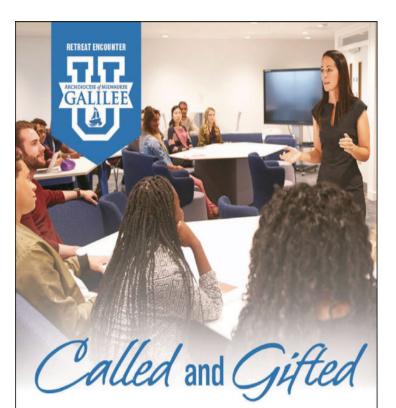


Celebration of Catholic Scouting

April 23, 2022 Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center Milwaukee, WI

You are invited to attend the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Celebration of Catholic Scouting. Mass will be at 4 PM followed by Recognition of scouts who received religious emblems or medals, presentation of Adult Awards, and Supper. Cost: \$8/Person, up to \$24 per family.

For more info visit: www.archmil.org/scouts



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. *Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Cod has a purpose for your life – and has equipped you for your mission. In your baptism and confirmation, you received gifts that our world needs. Do you know yours? Discover your unique gifts and learn how Cod is inviting you to use them through the Called & Cifted Workshop. **Get the details and register at https://archmil.regfox.com/called-gifted-043022**

Please register by April 25th to reserve your space.

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