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Witness: He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter means a new beginning. After forty days of fasting, praying, almsgiving and giving up our old habits and sinful ways, we all have reason to celebrate that we have been restored to a new life. As the body of Jesus that rose on Easter morning was totally different from the body of Jesus that was buried on Good Friday afternoon, so too is the way we need to be after Lent.

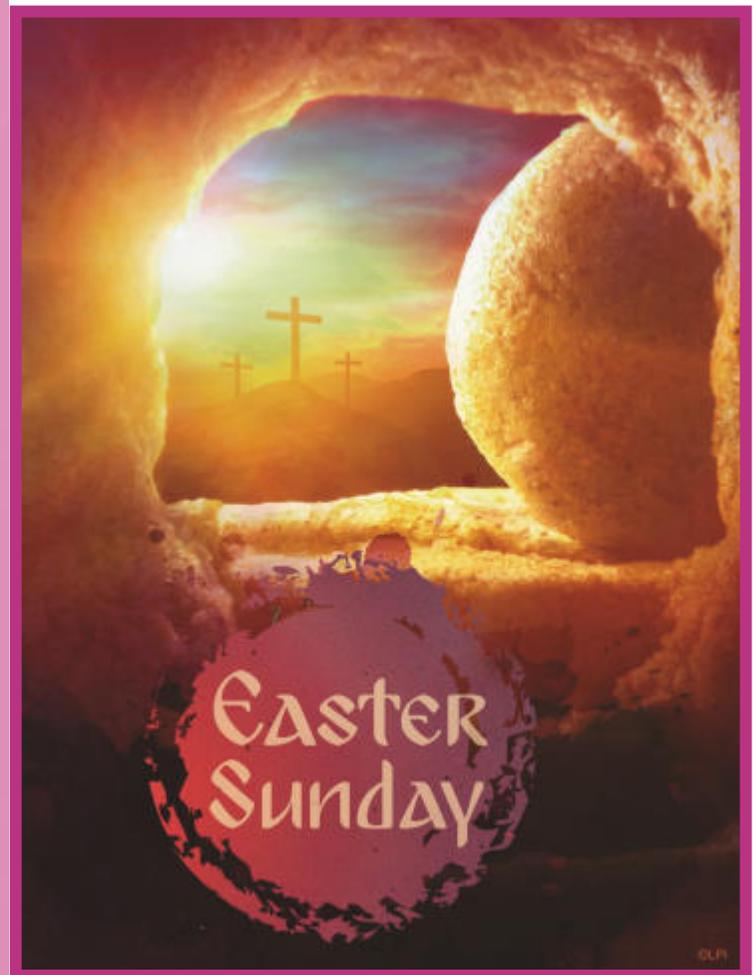
Mary Magdalene's discovery of the empty tomb and her observation of the removal of the stone symbolizes Jesus' victory over the power of death and darkness – the death and darkness that we said we were hoping to overcome during Lent. Mary, who was in darkness (one who lacks faith in the resurrection) went in search of the One who is the Light of the world. According to John, a disciple is the one who constantly looks for or is in search of the Master (Jn1:38). That is why, later on, when Jesus appeared to her he asked, "Woman . . . whom are you looking for?" (20:15) Mary Magdalene, a woman disciple, went to the tomb, not only to anoint the body of Jesus (as Synoptic Gospels say), but in search of the One whom she loved most. Later, her loving devotion would be rewarded with the gift of a special appearance (20:14-15).

Like Mary, Peter and John, "the Beloved Disciple," we arrive at our understanding of the resurrection of Jesus at different speeds, each at our own pace. But this is the important question: how do we *witness* Jesus in our lives? In the gospel of John, we hear that Mary first thought someone had stolen Jesus' body, and Peter was perplexed at what he saw. The Beloved Disciple is the first who understood what had taken place. To fully understand who Jesus is in our midst, we move forward in faith like Mary, Peter and the Beloved Disciple. As we move from doubt to understanding, we become beloved disciples of Jesus.

When the Beloved Disciple went inside the tomb, he saw the same thing Peter saw. Peter did not have an immediate response or reaction. But when the Beloved Disciple went in, he saw and believed promptly that Jesus had risen from the dead (20:9). Both of them saw the same thing in the tomb (the linen wrappings lying there), but the Beloved Disciple saw these things with the eyes of faith and believes (20:8). The intensity of his love for Jesus stimulates faith instantly. Each one of us can become the beloved disciple of the Risen Lord by the intensity of our love for him, a love which enables us to run faster for him than before and recognize his powerful presence promptly in all situations, especially among the needy. HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! *Fr. Peter Patrick*

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Easter Sunday



April 4, 2021

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 4	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass (Church)
Monday, April 5	7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, April 6	8:30 am	Mass (Church)
Friday, April 9	8:30 am	Mass (Church)
	6:00 pm	Book Club (Virtual)
Saturday, April 10	9:00 am	Food Pantry (FKCC)
Sunday, April 11	9:00 am	Sunday Mass (Church)

*We give you praise for an even greater sign
of new life: the resurrection of your Son.*

We praise you in this Easter season.

*Change our lives, change our hearts
to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.*

*We make our prayer through
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever.*

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of
Fr. Jeffery Albert Prasser
Fr. Prasser served in the Archdiocese for many years.

Regular Contributions thru 3/21/21 - Wk. 38/52	\$128,697
Prior YTD Amount	<u>121,650</u>
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ 7,047

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Easter Sunday, April 4

10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Catherine
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-23/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9

Monday, April 5

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6

8:30 am Healing for Our World
Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7

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

Thursday, April 8

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9 /Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 9

8:30 am Safety for Children & Teachers Returning to School
Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14

Sunday, April 11 Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

9:00 am † Joey Badora & Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)
Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Liturgical Ministers

Easter Sunday, April 4 - Fr. Larry

Lectors Ron Ranallo & Bernadette Davel

Sunday, April 11 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lector Gael Cullen

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

Easter Sunday

"On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark and saw the stone removed from the tomb." What do you think went through Mary's heart and mind during this moment? Was she confused? Scared? Excited?

When we come across something miraculous, often there is not one emotion that surfaces but many. It is difficult to distinguish or recognize what one is feeling. When asking a new mother how her delivery was, she might say, "It was the most wonderful moment of my life. . . it was also the scariest!" Both are true. This must have been how Mary and the disciples felt when they encountered the risen Christ. I am sure it was difficult to articulate what that moment was like for them. We are limited by our words, and often the most miraculous moments of our lives may be quite challenging to articulate. So we are left to imagine the encounter with the resurrected Christ!

- What do you think Mary was thinking and feeling as she approached the empty tomb?
- Can you think of one of these miraculous moments in your life?
- How do you tell the story of this miraculous moment to friends and family?
- Is it challenging to get across the feeling of this miracle?

He is risen! He is truly risen!

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, Marianne Hondel, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, David Teufel, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

The first meeting of the Parent Committee took place this week, and it was an unmitigated success. The meeting produced some key takeaways that will be beneficial to the future of our school.

Senior Ministry

The Senior Ministry Committee wishes all our fellow parishioners a Blessed Easter! "Spring is a season for transformation and rebirth. All around us we see signs of growth—crocus and tulips breaking through the once frozen ground, new foliage budding out on the trees, birds building nests for new offspring and young animals coming out to play in the warm sunshine. Spring brings signs of new life and new beginnings, reminding us that life is constantly renewing." *Robert Best*

Sustainability Tip

Did you know that some food travels 1,500 miles or more to reach your plate? When you choose foods that are in season here, you support Wisconsin farmers, cut down on the distance your food travels and ensure it's fresh. A Community Supported Agriculture subscription is available to St. Catherine and St. Sebastian parishioners. Jennifer Gordon and John McConville of Farm Happy in Jackson will deliver freshly harvested, certified organic vegetables to 1314 N. 55th Street on Thursday afternoons starting June 3. Visit farmhappyjackson.com for details on subscription options; select "pick-up" and choose a listed site to avoid the \$10/week delivery fee. Contact Rhonda VanPembroke at 414-640-3805 if you have questions.

Facing Racism

As part of our parish's effort to identify and confront racism in our midst, we offer this reflection written by Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from a Birmingham Jail on the anniversary of his slaying. "The time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity."

Do You Have Pictures or Memorabilia?

Our Centennial Committee is collecting pictures and memorabilia for a display at our celebration. Thanks to Elaine Benz who has submitted a number of pictures and to Marianne Hondel for submitting contact information for an alumni, her son.

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

Listen! Our New Sound System has been Installed

Anyone who was at Mass on Palm Sunday would have noticed the new speakers for our sound system which was installed on March 24 and 25. It enhances the sound from people speaking into microphones: the priest, deacon and lectors. The music will continue to come through the large cluster speakers hanging from the ceiling. The new system will also enable the people at the altar to hear the readings that, in the past, was a problem. Thanks to the winner of the Golf Outing 2019 raffle who donated back the winnings to fund this project. We are so grateful!

Thanks to All . . .

who made Holy Week at St. Catherine a prayerful, powerful experience: those who planned the liturgies, the presiders and choir, those who provided a beautiful environment, those who donated for the flowers, the thirteen diligent cleaners who spent a total of at least fifteen hours to wash, polish and dust . . . and you, our faith-full parishioners and guests who celebrated these holy days.

April's Centennial Trivia Question Is . . .

Name priests who served at both St. Catherine AND at Blessed Trinity or one of the parishes that merged to form Blessed Trinity (St. Albert, St. Nicholas, Holy Redeemer). Submit your answer at secretary@saintcatherine.org or to the parish office. The winners and correct answer will be posted on our website and announced in the bulletin. **The answer to last month's trivia question:** the pastors/administrators who served St. Catherine's in the last 25 years are Daryl Olszewski, Fr. Romanus Nwaru, Fr. John Kennedy, Fr. Jack Kern, Fr. Larry Chapman and Fr. Peter Patrick Kimani. Trudy Ranallo, Debbie Servi and Bernadette Davel submitted the correct answer. If you have a trivia question that may challenge parishioners, please submit it to the parish office. Congratulations to this month's winners!

Capuchin Walk for the Hungry

It's not too early to register for the Walk, June 12-13, to support Capuchin Community Services including St. Ben's Meal Program and the House of Peace. Due to COVID restrictions, you'll walk in your own neighborhood. The need is even greater this year, so please register at www.capuchinwalk.org

Book Club is reading "Collected Works" by Flannery O'Connor and will meet virtually, Friday, April 9, at 6 p.m.

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation –Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.



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