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April 18, 2021

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekends: Saturday 4:00 PM;

Sunday 8:00 AM

Daily Mass/Communion Service/Special Occasions - Check Bulletin

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 11:00am to 12:00pm

Thursday 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday 11:30am to 1:00pm

or anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM

Call Fr. Ariel at 1-815-827-3205.

MARRIAGE

Call Fr. Ariel at 1-815-827-3205 before you set a date & at least six months before the wedding to allow for preparation.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call Fr. Ariel Valencia at 815-505-7471 to request a visit or in case of emergency.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SEPT. - MAY)

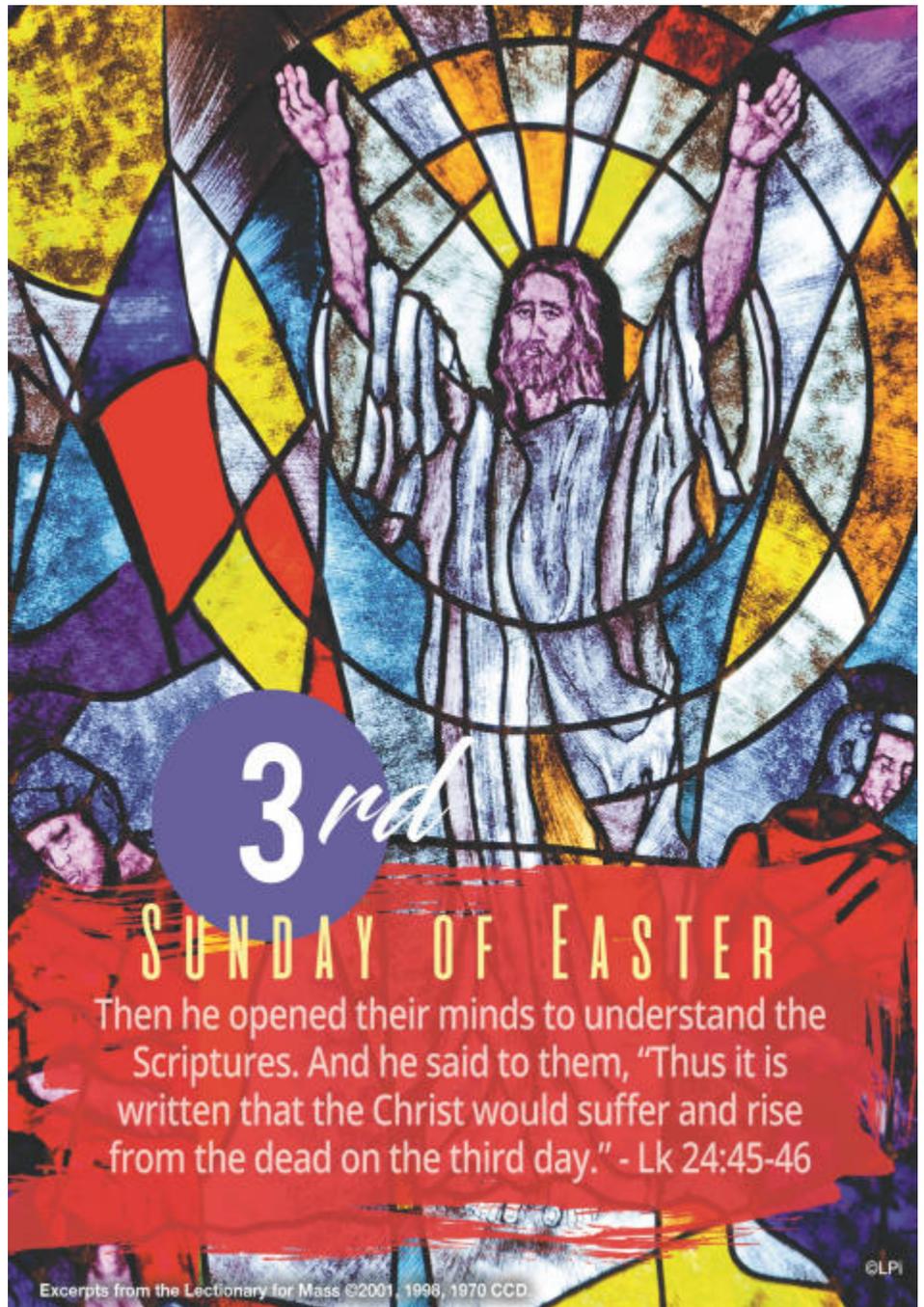
Classes: Sunday 9:15-10:30 AM

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If you are pregnant or think you may be and need help please call 1-815-748-4242.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you require assistance please call St. Gall Church at 630-365-6030.



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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 17

4:00 PM Members of St. Mary of the Assumption and Saints Peter & Paul Parishes

Sunday, April 18 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM †Jim Kowalkowski by Family

Monday, April 19

8:00 AM †Fr. Perfecto Vasquez by Morning Mass Group

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 AM †Bob Rivers by Dave & Rita Campbell

Wednesday, April 21 ~ St. Anselm

8:00 AM †Richard Hart by Marie Kittoe & Family

Thursday, April 22

8:00 AM †James Fidler by Jim & Millie Diehl

Friday, April 23 ~ St. George

8:00 AM †St. Mary Purgatorial Society

Saturday, April 24 ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

4:00 PM †Keith Gould by Darlene Berkes & Andy Berkes

Sunday, April 25 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Blessings on Andrew Stover by Jeff & MaryBeth Birtell

Already scheduled weekday Mass intentions will be celebrated as requested by Msgr. Dzielak.

Ministries for the weekend of April 24/25

4:00pm

Lector: Ren Stewart

Co-Leader: Katie Stover

Greeter: Kara Butts

Ushers: Marc Smith
& Joshua Stover

8:00am

Lector: Sara Velarde

Co-Leader: Loretta Lynch

Greeter: Julie Steadman

Ushers: Colleen
& Jim MacRunnels

APRIL 4 Alcohol Awareness Month

Though other substance concerns make headlines, alcohol use continues to be a health concern. It is the third-leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. and affects adults and adolescents alike. That is why Rosecrance recognizes Alcohol Awareness Month each April and encourages supporters to join us in the fight against this deadly disease. If you or a loved one think you might need help, please reach out to Rosecrance's caring Access counselors at 866-330-8729.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER - "Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' me (Mt 25:40)." -Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "*Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life*". (© 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Let us pray for all those in hospice. May the loving accompaniment of family and friends bear witness to the gift of their

THE LION'S ROAR



This Wednesday we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our children will receive the sacrament at St. Catherine of Genoa parish. They will also receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, namely wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, fear of the Lord and piety. Here is short description of each gift.

Wisdom. Wisdom enables us to see life from God's point and to recognize the real value of persons, events, and things. Wisdom keeps us from foolishly judging only by appearances.

Understanding. Understanding gives us insight into the truths of the faith and of being disciples of Jesus. It helps us make good choices in our relationships with God and others. Understanding grows through prayer and the reading of Scripture and through active listening.

Counsel. The gift of counsel helps us give advice, seek advice, and be open to the advice of others. With the help of this gift, we are able to help others with their problems without judging them.

Fortitude. The gift of fortitude enables us to stand up for our beliefs, to do what is right in the face of difficulties, and to endure suffering with faith. It takes strength and courage to live a good Christian life, even when no one notices our efforts.

Knowledge. This gift of knowledge helps us to know what God asks of us and how we should respond. We come to know God, ourselves, and the real value of things through our experiences.

Fear of the Lord. The gift of fear of the Lord is not about being afraid but about having a sense of wonder and awe at the greatness of God and our dependence on him. It leads us to marvel at God's incredible love for us.

Piety (Reverence). Reverence is a gift that helps us love and worship God. It calls us to be faithful in our relationships with God and others. Reverence also helps us to be respectful and generous toward others and all God's creation. (Source: *Living the Mass*. Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki)



HOLY SPIRIT

Church Cleaning - April 24: Lynn Klein & Kate Nelson; May 8: Sally Kennedy & Pam Ferdinand. *If you are unable to clean on your assigned weekend, please arrange to switch with someone.* Thanks to *all* who clean our church. **Call Anne Carson (815-827-3302), Rita Campbell (815-827-3320), or Katie Stover(815-827-3105), before you want to clean so that the church will be open for you.**

Pray For Our Deceased Priests... especially, Msgr. Thomas Bales, Rev. Francis Heckinger, Rev. C. A. Meehan, Rev. Stephen Wolfgarten, Rev. Emmet Murphy, Rev. James Weber, and Rev. Frank Draude, whose death anniversaries we celebrate this week. Grant them eternal rest, O, Lord.

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK, ESPECIALLY...



Msgr. Joseph Lister
Lori Baert
Maureen Brady

Fran Brennan
Mary Bullard
Edith Desponett
Gloria Gomez
Julie Jones
Mark Mercer
Maria Minniti

Becky Nelson
Pat Probst
Jim Turk
Betty Weaver
& all the sick.....

If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or sick or homebound and who would like a visit from a priest please call the Parish Office at 815-827-3205 or in case of an emergency you may call Fr. Ariel at 815-505-7471.

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of... Jim Diehl, husband of Millie Diehl who died on Easter Sunday, April 4th. May he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for his family and friends, that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

Pray For The Deceased, Especially . . . Robert Peterson, father of one of our 7th grade R E students, who died this past week . . . that he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for his family and friends, that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

☆☆☆ Our Men and Women in the Service ☆☆☆

LORD, hold these members of our military in your loving hands. Protect them, especially, **SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT BOWERS, H.M.2 ERIK BRENGMAN, TIMOTHY DIEHL OS1, US COAST GUARD, SGT. JONATHON HODGE, SSGT. STUART KADLEC, MARINE SSGT. DANIEL MARCHESE, AND MSGT. KYLE ROGOWSKI**, as they protect us. Amen. If you have a name you would like to add to our prayer list, call the parish office at 815-827-3205 or email us at parishoffice@StMaryMaplePark.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What is a Catechist? A catechist is a person of faith called to hand on the living tradition and teaching of the Catholic Church. To be faithful to this sacred calling, a catechist studies church doctrine, develops appropriate teaching skills and nurtures his or her spiritual life and personal faith formation.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CATECHISTS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LOVE, DEVOTION AND FAITH TO OUR STUDENTS THIS YEAR!

Lawrence Gonzales Sherrie Hane Tracie Klug
Kelly Maldonado Mona Michalak Katie Stover

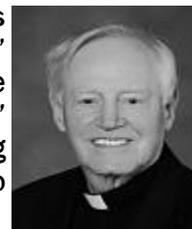


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YOU HAVE MADE US FOR YOURSELF, O GOD, AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU.
[ST. AUGUSTINE, THE CONFESSIONS]

One of the things in the news these days is the question, who is "authentically" Catholic? This happens because there are some who consider themselves "orthodox" while they accused others of being unorthodox. Perhaps it is worthwhile to clarify our terms.



One of the reasons why people often disagree is because they do not clarify what they mean by their terms. One example, which might make some sense to people of my generation is the question, "Are you gay?" If I were asked that question I would answer, "Tell me what you mean by `gay': are you asking if am I happy and excited about life (the *old* meaning of the word), or are you asking if I sexually attracted to people of my sex (the *new* meaning of the word)?"

So, let's ask those who claim to be "orthodox" what they mean by the term. The word is a Greek word which means "true teaching." I believe that is what most people mean when they use that word. If so, then a person is claiming to believe what is true about Catholic teaching, and the core truth of Catholic teaching is found in the Profession of Faith (the Creed) which we pray each Sunday and special feast days of the Church.

We should not forget, however, that there is also something called "ortho-practice," which means to practice or live according to the truth. The words of St. John in this Sunday's second reading are relevant here: ***The way we may be sure that we know him (Jesus) is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them*** (1 John 2:3-4).

That is sound advice, and it should be the criteria by which we judge our own Catholic authenticity and that of others. Do I keep God's commandments (all of them, not just the ones I like or are popular), or do I pick and choose what I follow in my life? Does so-and-so publicly show obedience to God's commandments, or do he/she publicly choose or support things opposed to the Lord's commandments, as taught by the Church which he founded?

— Msgr. Tom Dzielak

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