St. Anne Parish

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
12 April 2020

Mary Magdalene announces the Resurrection of Christ to the disciples.
The Parish Office is closed and the staff is working remotely. However, email and phone messages are checked regularly, so please contact us. Also, someone does check the office daily for mail and contributions. Thank you!

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Joining Our Parish: Fr. Tom would be glad to talk with you about parish membership. Send him an email at ftrom@stanneswausau.org or call 849.3930.

Celebrating Baptism: Baptism is celebrated at Lord’s Day Mass throughout much of the liturgical year. If you want to raise your child in the Catholic faith and celebrate your child’s baptism, please call the parish office, 849.3930. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

Caring for the Sick: If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound or anticipating surgery, please call or email Fr. Tom to schedule a visit and/or the sacrament of Anointing the Sick.

Celebrating Marriage: We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Fr. Tom to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn about marriage preparation.

Becoming Catholic: If you are interested in becoming a Christian, becoming a Catholic or curious about matters of faith, contact Lee Ann Lella at leeanni@stanneswausau.org.
A great offer for new subscribers and renewals

Give Us This Day is an excellent daily prayer resource for “today’s Catholic,” which offers a daily order of prayer, the daily Mass readings and insightful reflection drawn from current writers and ancient sources. Sample copies of the April issue are available in the main Gathering Space of church.

A special bulk parish rate is available for new subscribers, as well as the several dozen parishioners who already subscribe. The parish rate is $31.50 for 12 issues, far below the regular rate of $44.95.

To subscribe or renew, or to get more information, contact Bobbi Gadke at bobbig@stanneswausau.org or 715-849-3930, ext. 310, before May 1.

ETERNAL LIFE: We pray for the eternal rest of Joan Brouchoud, who died recently.

The committal of Joan’s remains was celebrated, but a Funeral Mass will be held a later time, due to limits on how many people can be present for a funeral, or any other communal gathering. It is important to remember the same constraints that prevent us from celebrating Mass on Sunday — or any sizable gathering of people — also pertain to funerals, weddings and similar celebrations. Funeral Masses of 10 people are possible, as is a delayed Funeral Mass.

GOSPEL TRUTH / by Alice Camille

Not long after the Resurrection, Peter stands before a gathering of Gentiles and tells them the truth as he has come to believe it. This is 40 years before the first gospel will be written, 20 years before one word of the New Testament is set down. Peter tells a story that exists only in the memory of those who lived it. Peter draws a straight line between Galilee and Jerusalem, between the first anointing with the Holy Spirit to the cross on which Jesus hung. Peter tells what he knows and why it matters. The response says it all. At once, the Holy Spirit descends on the group, and Peter organizes their immediate Baptism.

The truth, the plain truth at the heart of our faith, can be described in a line or two. We are invited into a relationship with a person who will unite us with God.

Jesus is the way.

Peter seems so wise and collected. But we have to keep in mind that other Peter, running in the predawn of Easter morning along with the beloved disciple. The Peter of Easter morning doesn’t know what to believe, or what to think. And so there he stands at the scene of unvarnished truth. It’s an open, empty tomb, all right. Nothing but the burial cloths and a neat placement of the face covering. No body, no real clue as to what could have happened. Sometimes the truth is too simple, and too hopeful, to be believed all at once.

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