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Mass Schedule

WeekendSaturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday.....Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am

Holy Day.....8:30 am & 7:00 pm
(EXCEPT Christmas & New Year's)

Confessions.....Saturday 3:15-4:15 pm
Sunday & Weekdays 7:30-8:15 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. (except First Fridays) 9:00 am-10:05 am
Benediction
First Fridays, Mass at 8:30 am, 9:00-10:05 am
Benediction

Sacraments

Baptism

1. You must be a registered member of our parish.
2. Make an appointment to see the priest to discuss and participate in the baptismal preparation.
3. Schedule the baptism (time and date).

Marriage

1. Wedding arrangements need to be made six months in advance.
2. Either the bride or groom must be a registered member of the parish.
3. Call the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office if a loved one is seriously ill or in the hospital.

Ministry of Care

If you or a family member is ill, homebound, or unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit, please call the parish office or John Rood at 815-824-2518.

Bulletin Deadline

Items must be submitted to the parish office by 12:00 pm on Monday or the Friday preceding a holiday.

Rev. Bonaventure Okoro, Pastor



3rd 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

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The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Today, two weeks ago, we celebrated Easter. Today in the gospel, Jesus appeared to the 11 and showed them his hands and feet to demonstrate that he was alive among them. I want you to think this over with me, how alive has Jesus been with you?

Probably in today's language our Lord says: "Check my vital signs and you can see that I'm alive." There are different ways you can test out whether a person is really alive. The medical profession tells us that the vital signs are respiration, pulse and heartbeat, temperature, and something they call response. Just like we have vital signs that tell whether our body is alive, we also have vital signs that we can check to see if the Body of Christ, our congregation and us, as individual Christians, are alive.

When it comes to respiration, if Christ is still alive and with you, he'll be noticed in your priorities such as making prayer and worship the center of your life.

Another vital sign is the heartbeat or pulse. This has to do with the blood racing through the body. So one of the signs of the "live Christ" with the disciples was in the way they got together and communed. It was the celebration of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the heartbeat of the church.

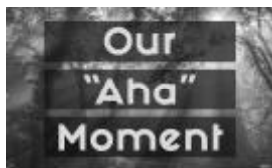
A third vital sign that Christ is alive in us is our obedience to his commandment of love, mercy and forgiveness in our midst. Christ alive in us prompts us to engage in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We do what he did.

The fourth sign that Christ is alive in us is when we refrain from damaging the reputation of others and the church through gossip, being judgmental, slander and the like. These negative behaviors raise the 'temperature' in the body of Christ in a negative sense and destroys it from within.

Love is a beautiful thing. The God of Easter is a God of love and he wants one of the signs of our congregation to be an accepting and beautiful love that is not sentimental, but is carried out in actions and justice. Is Christ alive and with us, or have we just gathered to remember again his death and resurrection?

"You are witnesses of these things." Amen

~From the desk of Father Okoro



Liturgical Roles

Weekend of April 24th/25th

Sacristan:	7:30 pm	Sharlyn Larson
	8:30 am	John Rood
E.M.	7:30 pm	Sharlyn Larson
	8:30 am	John Rood
Lector:	7:30 pm	Donna Herrmann
	8:30 am	Caroline Bend
Ushers:	7:30 pm	Ben Herrmann, Joe Herrmann, Mary Goken
	8:30 am	Elliot Kupp, Emily White, Logan Bend, Paul Aloisio, Andrew Aceves
Money Counters:		Bob Hickey, Jan Schnorr, Ginger Browder
Linen Ministry:		Anne Hart
Altar Flowers:		Ana Cardenas, Tess Rowland, Betty Thuestad
Minister of Care:		Joe Herrmann

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 17

4:30 pm Steve Voris †
By The Voris Family

Sunday, April 18

8:30 am Stephan Biddle †
By Betty Thuestad

Tuesday, April 20

8:30 am Michael Vincent †
By Joe & Donna Herrmann

Wednesday, April 21

8:30 am Judy Primrose Willard
By Jan Schnorr

Thursday, April 22

8:30 am Sarah & Connor Roesch †
By Richard Roesch

Friday, April 23

8:30 am Art White
By Betty Thuestad

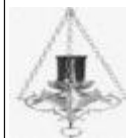
Saturday, April 24

4:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 25

8:30 am Tom Crumpton Family
By Alvie & Sue Crumpton

We have several openings for Mass intentions. Masses may be said for a loved one who has passed, as a gift for someone who is living, or in thanksgiving for blessings received. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses.



The red Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Parish Office. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp for:

The Matias Family

Prayer Requests

Millie Anderson, Marguerite Armstrong, Lia Aspengren, Suzanne Bertrang, Jim & Dorothy Caracciolo, Patricia Carlson, Wilfred Cidlik, Ann Cox, Tony Crumpton, Phil Foster, Heather Fritsch, Dolores George, Judy Hogan, David Mihm, Jan Mueller, Mary Mueller, Gladys Schnorr, Betsy Todd, Janet Weigel.

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tue: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thu: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Stewardship of Treasure
84 Registered Families
Week of April 10th/11th

Needed each week in 2020-21..... \$2,520.00
 Rcvd.....\$2,287.10
 Loss for the week \$ 232.90

Fiscal Year-to-Date (42 weeks)

Needed (at \$2,520.00/week).....\$105,840.00
 Received for the fiscal year to date....\$ 98,680.42
 Loss to Date **\$ 7,159.58**

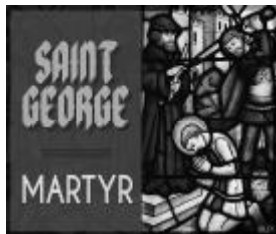
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The Rosary is a spiritual weapon in the struggle against evil.

Thirty minutes before every Mass the Rosary is recited for the healing of our families, marriages, relationships and parishioner intentions.

We invite you to join us as we gather to pray the Rosary.



Men's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:

Wed-Parish Office at 8:00 pm

Women's Cursillo Prayer Group meets:

Tue-Parish Hall at 10:15am

Prayer Group is for anyone who has made or is interested in making Cursillo.



Upcoming Events

Sat 4/17 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
Sun 4/18 (8:30 am) Sunday Mass
(9:30 am) Family Catechesis after Mass
Tue 4/20 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Wed 4/21 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
(9:00 am) Adoration of the Eucharist
Thu 4/22 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Fri 4/23 (8:30 am) Daily Mass
Sat 4/24 (4:30 pm) Vigil Mass
Sun 4/25 (8:30 am) Sunday Mass
(9:30 am) At Home RE after Mass

Birthdays

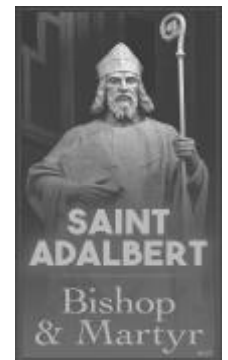
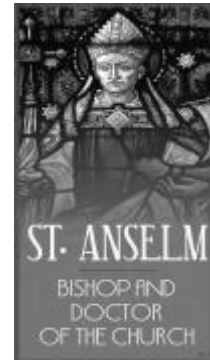
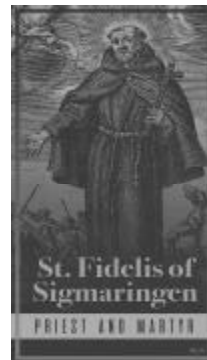
Jeff Probst 4/17 Morgan Smulski 4/17
 Hanna Smulski 4/17 Cassandra Sipp 4/18

Anniversary

Jeff & Sharlyn Larson 4/12 35 yrs
 Don & Linda Frieders 4/12 35 yrs
 James & Regina Milostan 4/13 25 yrs
 Wes & Margaret Koester 4/22 49 yrs

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

- ◆ Put Spring into your marriage!
- ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God.
- ◆ It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives.
- ◆ Sign up today to attend an in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 9-11 in Brookfield, WI; June 25-27 in Geneva, IL or August 20-22 in Madison, WI. There is also a virtual Weekend on April 23-25.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653



“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’ (Mt 25:40).”

~Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith



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