

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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*Bishop of Belleville*

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*Administrator*

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5 pm *(fulfills Sunday Obligation)*

**Sunday:** 9 am

**Tuesday & Thursday:** 7 pm

**Wednesday & Friday:** 8 am

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 7 am & 7 pm

## SACRAMENT REQUIREMENTS

**Baptism:** One month notice & preparation

**Reconciliation:** One hour before Mass

**Matrimony:** Four months' notice & preparation

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Parish Council:

Penny Heusohn, Chair - 935-2581  
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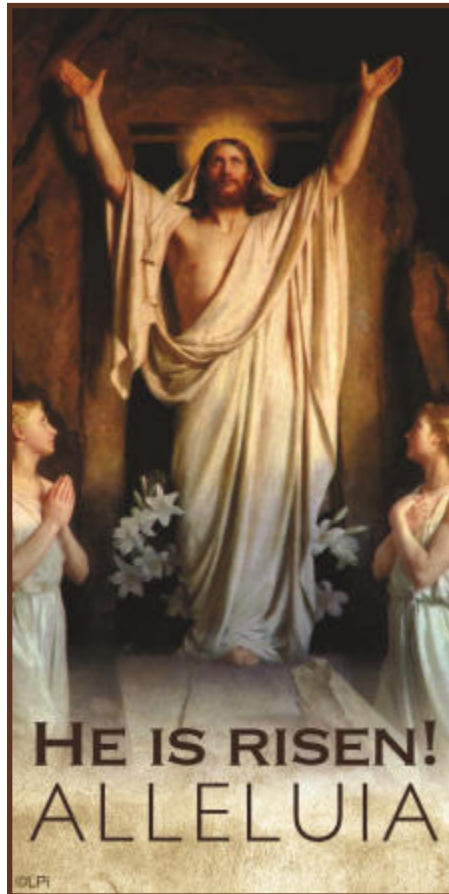
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Can you imagine that moment? Can you imagine the stomach drop with dizzying realization: "It's all true. All of it is true! The past three years weren't a dream that ended horribly wrong." Can you imagine all the doubts and despair of the past days chased away like smoke on the wind by a rolled up burial cloth? By an empty tomb?

It didn't start that way, of course. They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." This frantic news from Mary Magdalene would have been another unexpected blow. After all that happened, now his body has been stolen? The love and devotion in Peter and John is apparent. They don't wait to collect more information or stop by the tomb when they have a chance. They run to the site. When is the last time you ran for something? This isn't a run for exercise, but a huffing and puffing bolt fueled by desperation. Can you imagine that moment? The fear pounding in their temples,

matching their accelerated heart rate. Can you imagine the impatient affection of John, who outruns Peter but refuses to enter the tomb alone? And then, upon entry, "He saw and believed."

This is the drama of our great feast! The promise that seemed lost has been found. The dead are raised. Long before the Easter eggs and ham, we are invited to meditate on this divine reality. We are invited to feel the desperation and joy of that first Easter Sunday deep in our bones. Because it is not just Mary's story. It's not Peter and John's story. It's our story. From the greatest defeat can come the most awe-inspiring victory, and this is true not just for our God, but for each one of us. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## PARISH PARTNERSHIP

**St. Patrick's, Tipton**  
Fr. John Kizhakedan  
(630) 544-1825  
stpatrickstipton@gmail.com  
Mass: Saturday, 5 pm  
Sunday, 8:30 am  
Tuesday, 7 pm

**Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault**  
Fr. John Kizhakedan  
(618) 458-6875 /  
kpjohn58@msn.com  
olgcrenault@gmail.com  
Mass: Sunday, 10:30 am

Day	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers/Gifts
Saturday, April 27	Jesse Niebruegge Austin Abeln	Julie Wright	Todd Hildreth Kyle Andres	Volunteers
Sunday, April 28	Kierstin Miller Emily Vogt	David Carr David Atkinson	Sharon May (B) Angela Atkinson Barb Kendall	Volunteers
Saturday, May 4	Jared Niebruegge Addison Chaudet	Linda Andres	Julie Wright Janet Gruber	Volunteers
Sunday, May 5	Ministry Assignments for	First Communion TBD		Volunteers
Saturday, May 11	Lola Niebruegge Addison Chaudet	Angela Atkinson	Kathy Hildreth Linda Andres	Volunteers
Sunday, May 12	Brice Ahrens Harrison Miller	Ed VanZandt Mary Wuertz von Holt	Nancy Gilbert (B) Barb Kendall Karen Limestall	Volunteers

### Readings for Today's Liturgy

Readings & Gospel: 953

### Music for Today's Liturgy

Processional #440 - Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise  
 Offertory #447 - Easter Alleluia  
 Communion #807 - Song of the Body of Christ  
 Recessional #457 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

### Weekly Scripture Readings

Sun: 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  
 Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15  
 Tues: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
 Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
 Thurs: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48  
 Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14  
 Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21]/Mk 16:9-15

**Please remember in your prayers members of our parish family and friends who are injured or sick, especially:**  
 Derrick DeWilde † Chrissie Girard † Angie Henshaw † Lillian Hohnbaum † Marge Unterseh McKenzie † Sheila Middleton † Donald Weber

### And all Military Men and Women, especially:

**John Brandenburg, U.S. Army**, son of Margaret & Craig Brandenburg  
**Natalie Touchette, U.S. Navy**, daughter of Bob & Michele Touchette  
**Miranda Kaufmann, U.S. Air Force**, daughter of Don Kaufmann  
**Collin Ford, U.S. Army**, son of Butch and Leigh Ford

### PSR Calendar

Sun., 4/21: No PSR – Happy Easter!  
 Wed., 4/24: Grades 1, 5-8, 7:00-8:15 pm  
 Sun., 4/28: Last day of PSR for Grades 2-3  
 No PSR for Grade 4  
 Grades 2-3, 10:00-11:00 am  
 Grade 2 -- First Reconciliation at 10:30  
 Wed., 5/1: Last day of PSR for Grades 1, 6-8  
 Grades 1, 6-8 @ 7:00-8:15 pm  
 Call for Help presentation:  
 Grades 1-2 6:30 to 7:00  
 Grades 3-5 7:00 to 7:30  
 Grades 6-8 7:30 to 8:00  
 Sun., 5/5: First Communion at 9:00 am Mass

### Mass Intentions

**Sat., April 20** - Carmelita Buss, offered by Mary Ann Henke  
**Sun., April 21** - **8 am** - Alvin & Ella Mae Wierschem, offered by Randy & Donna Wierschem  
**10 am** - Rosalia Krewer, offered by Barb Kendall  
**Tues., April 23** - Those who donated to the Lot Purchase  
**Wed, April 24** - Catholic Extension Donors  
**Thurs., April 25** - Elmer Schneider, offered by Doris Weber  
**Sat., April 27** - Josephine Riechmann, offered by Rich, Patti & Kaylee Dependahl  
**Sun., April 28** - Rosalia Krewer, offered by Gary & Angie Siburt  
**Sat., May 4** - Dorothy Williamson, offered by Mary Jo Robinson  
**Sun., May 5** - All the Mothers at St. Mary, offered by St. Ann Altar Sodality

**Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her/him/them, O Lord**  
**People: And let perpetual light shine upon her/him/them.**  
**Priest: May the soul(s) of the faithful departed,**  
**People: Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - ALLELUIA!!

**HAPPY EASTER!!**

**Abuse Hot Line 1-800-640-3044**

**Bulletin submission deadline is noon on Mondays. Send bulletin submissions to stmarybulletin7@gmail.com or call 935-2611**

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (CYCLE C)

Thanks all who participated and/or helped with the Altar Sodality Raffle (it was a huge success, bringing in over \$900). Special thanks to the Knights for allowing Altar Sodality to sell tickets at the Fish Fries; to Mary Ann Henke, Lisa Arnold, Lily Carr, & Zoe Ann Schwarze, who donated baskets; and to Mary Wuertz who donated the quilt.

Raffle winners were:

- Handmade quilt: Ellie Brewer
- Schneider's Gift Card basket: Christy Krems
- Cocoa and treats basket: Ruth Ann Beard
- Coffee/Kahlua basket: Connie Kelly
- Rabbit/Floral Art: Pat Ellis

If anyone in our Parish is celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year (25, 30, 40, 50 or more) please let Penny Heusohn know about it as soon as possible.

## Save the Date for 2019 Vacation Bible School!

**Who:** All students ages Pre-K thru 5th grade

**What:** To Mars and Beyond VBS

**When:** Monday, June 3rd to Friday, June 7th  
Friday Night Finale

**Where:** St. John UCC and St. Mary Catholic Church

We will also need adult (18+ yrs.) and youth (6 grade-18 yrs.) volunteers.

Volunteer and Student Registration Forms can be found in the Gathering Area. Return completed Registration Forms to the PSR Coordinator mailbox or give them to Kelli Niebruegge or Jamie Riechmann.

The Belleville Diocese is seeking a part time (20 hrs./week) Coordinator of Respect Life Ministry. The Coordinator works to promote the Catholic Church's position on life issues (abortion, capital punishment, etc.) Qualifications: a Bachelor's Degree; professional knowledge, training or certification needed plus 1-3 years' experience. Practicing Catholic required. See Bulletin Board for application information. **Application Deadline: May 1, 2019.**

**SCRIP CARDS:** Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduations and Weddings are all coming up soon. Consider ordering gift cards thru our scrip program. Are you planning home projects this summer? Order gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's or Menard's. Stock up on cards for your routine spending at Walmart, Target and other stores and eating places. Order forms are in the Gathering Area. Put the orders with payment in the collection basket or give to Penny Heusohn by Sun., May 5. Cards should be here by Saturday, May 11. If you need your cards for Mother's Day, let Penny know.

## APRIL

**GREETERS:** Volunteers are needed

**MAY GREETER:** Barb Kendall; **MAY DONUTS:** Lily Carr

**We always are in need of Mass Intentions.** Please note that Mass Intentions need not be only for deceased loved ones and friends. They can be in thanksgiving for something special, like a birth, wedding or anniversary or perhaps recovery from an illness. Mass Intentions also can be a "special intention" -- there's no need to indicate what the Mass is for. \$20 for weekend Masses; \$10 for weekday Masses. Thank you!

Envelope Collections - week of 4/14/2019	\$ 1,577
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,246
Fiscal YTD Collections	\$ 91,737
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 94,,332
Building Fund Donations	\$ 20
Fiscal YTD Bldg. Fund Donations	\$ 4,231

Please be sure to turn in your Rice Bowls by next Sunday, April 28, if you have not already done so. Thank you for supporting the Rice Bowl project!

Sunday,  
April 28  
After Mass



Hostesses:  
Gertie Eshom and Barb Kendall

## Immaculate Conception, Columbia SUNDAY FUNDAY April 28, 1-4 pm

Afternoon of playing board and card games with family & friends. Attendance prizes, 50/50 raffle, gift card "Envelope Lottery", snack and dessert bar. Raffle a hand-made quilt & afghan.

## A PRE-MOTHER'S DAY EVENT

May 3 & 4 at 6:30 p.m., May 5 at 12:30 p.m.

4204 West Main Banquet Center in Belleville

Enjoy a buffet & live show celebrating mothers, grandmothers & all women who have "A Mother's Heart." Donate new or gently used clothing, toys, etc. for children ages 0-5 for the PREGNANCY CARE CENTER, and receive one entry to win a deluxe gift basket for each item donated. Show features popular songs from Broadway & favorite family films. Buffet & Show: \$35/adult, \$15/child (under 5 free.) Reservations required in advance: [www.takeabowshowcase.org](http://www.takeabowshowcase.org) or call 618-409-0015.

## LITERACY FOR INMATES RAFFLE

Catholic Charities of IL offers a n Literacy program for Inmates, where inmates tutor inmates with very positive results. Studies show 70% of IL inmates have reading difficulties. Without the ability to read, the odds of an inmate getting a job outside of prison drop dramatically. Please help change the lives of these inmates by becoming literate, which in turn helps them become good and productive members of society, improving families and communities. Ticket are \$25 each (buy 4, get one free!) Grand Prize: \$5,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$500. 10 prizes of \$100 each. Raffle ends May 17. Buy your tickets at [bit.ly/inmateshelpinginmates](http://bit.ly/inmateshelpinginmates).

## "Apron and Pearls -- Heels optional!" Themed Lunch

Zion Evangelical Church, Millstadt

Thursday, May 16, noon

Featuring TV-Style dinner (fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, sides & dessert). Cost is \$12. Test your memory of TV trivia from the 50s and 60! Make your reservations by May 10 at 618-476-1778. Feel free to dress in your favorite 50s apparel and wear those pearls!

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