

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.



Most Rev. Michael McGovern  
*Bishop of Belleville*

Rev. Felix Chukwuma  
*Administrator*  
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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sat.:** 5 pm  
*(fulfills Sunday Obligation)*

**Sun.:** 9 am

**Tues. & Thurs.:** 7 pm

**Wed. & Fri.:** 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 PARTNERSHIPS

Fr. John Kizhakedan

**Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault**  
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Mass: Sunday, 10:30 am

**St. Patrick's, Tipton**  
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Mass: Saturday, 5 pm  
Sunday, 8:30 am  
Tuesday, 7 pm

**PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL SAFETY GUIDELINES  
AND THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE USHERS WHILE ATTENDING MASS IN PERSON**

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

**Holy Saturday, 4/3 8:00** - L1 Julie Wright, L2 David Atkinson,  
L3 Mary Wuertz, L4 Todd Hildreth  
**Easter Sunday, 4/4 7:00 am** - Ed VanZandt  
**Easter Sunday, 4/4 9:00 am** - L1 Sharon May  
L2 Donna Wierschem

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic, anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This year, CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty. The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic social teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns. The internship is paid and requires 16 hours a week from September through April. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with a desire to grow in an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. Please send your resume by April 8 to Cheryl Sommer, CCHD Diocesan Director at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or contact 618-624-2838 with any questions.

### SPPCS Pre-Registration & Re-enrollment

**New Families/Students:** You can now pre-register for the 2021-2022 school year. The links to enrolling for both our Early Learning Center and Kindergarten - 8th grade are on our website under Admissions.

**Current families:** Go to the Option C Family Portal and click the office tab and scroll down to Enrollment. Click yes by each student if they will be returning for the 2021-22 school year. If you are enrolling a new student, you will do that by clicking on the "add a new student for consideration, click or press here."

Once this is complete we will have Registration materials available and a message will be sent via Option C email



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### *Mass Intentions*

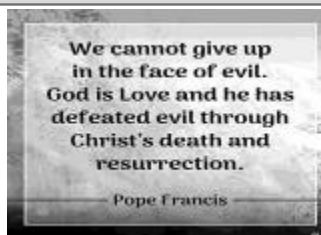
Sun., April 4, 7 am - Mary White, offered by Jeanne Langsdorf  
Sun., April 4, 9 am - Joe Sondag, offered by Tim & Dawn Brown  
Tues., April 6 - Kenneth Archer  
Wed., April 7 - Craig Archer  
Thur., April 8 - Richard Fortunak  
Fri., April 9 - Francis Fortunak  
Sat., April 10 - Janet Hildreth, offered by Todd & Kathy Hildreth  
Sun., April 11 - Alberta Riechmann, offered by Ellery & Adele Hawkins  
Sat., April 17 - Dale Mehrtens, offered by Joe Sondag  
Sun., April 18 - Joe Sondag, offered by Tim & Dawn Brown

**Please remember in your prayers members of our parish family and friends who are injured or sick, especially:**  
*Diane Guttman † Lee Guttman † Ellen Heavner † Curtis Henke † Cheryl Hohnbaum † Lillian Hohnbaum † Eleanor Mary Krebel † Allen Mattingly † Marge Unterseh McKenzie † David Mehrtens † Kaylee Muertz † Santos Pallares † Brian Schmitt † Judy Vogt † Donald Weber*

**And all Military Men and Women, especially:**  
*Miranda Kaufmann, U.S. Air Force*, daughter of Don Kaufmann

### *Readings for the week of April 4, 2021*

Sunday: 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 Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/ Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/ Mk 16:9-15



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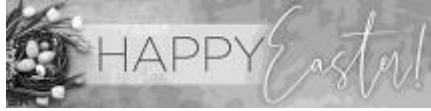
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**Bulletin submission deadline is noon on Mondays. Send bulletin submissions to stmarybulletin7@gmail.com or call 935-2611**

# EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION (CYCLE B)

*May the resurrection of our savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.*



**CRS Rice Bowl Campaign** - This Lent, we prayed, fasted and gave alms. Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. Turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Area, or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/give](http://crsricebowl.org/give).

The April Altar Sodality Meeting will be on Sunday, April 11, in the parish center, immediately following Mass.

### **Congratulations to the winners of the Altar Sodality Raffle!**

- 1st prize - Quilt – Greg Reinhart
- 2nd prize – Quilt – Danny Sondag
- 3rd prize – Kate Spade Purse – Angie Long
- 4th prize – Kitchen Basket – Donna Mueller
- 5th prize – Kitchen Basket – Leeland Miller

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets to support this fundraiser.

### **The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal** *Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do...* -John 14:12

A most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 16 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

**Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 2pm at the Farm of Dale & Kay Haudrich**  
7903 State Route 156, Waterloo, IL 62298

Directions: Take IL-Hwy 159 to Hecker, IL. Travel west onto IL-Hwy 156 out of Hecker 3/4 of a mile. It is the first house on your right. "Farm Blessing" signs will also lead you.

*Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food for the poor and needy of the area will be collected. Pandemic health and safety protocols will be in place.*

We look forward to having you join us!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT	March 21	March 28
Envelopes	\$2,691	\$1,567
Loose	\$30	\$105
Candles	---	\$159
Ash Wednesday	\$10	---
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,731</b>	<b>\$1,831</b>
Weekly Budget	\$3,145	\$3,145
<b>Fiscal YTD Total</b>	<b>\$79,469</b>	<b>\$81,300</b>
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$119,510	\$122,655
<b>BUDGET DEFICIT</b>	<b>(\$40,041)</b>	<b>(\$41,355)</b>
Building Fund	\$100	---
<b>Fiscal YTD Bldg. Fund Total</b>	<b>\$3,581</b>	<b>\$3,851</b>
Black & Indian Missions	\$10	\$50
Catholic Relief Services	\$10	\$5
Mass Intentions	\$65	---

For On-Line Giving: <https://together.igivecatholic.org/info/belleville> or click on the Online Giving menu in the upper left of our parish website, [www.stmaryvalmeyer.org](http://www.stmaryvalmeyer.org).

The youth group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, is hosting its **Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 24, 8am-2pm**. Funds raised will help support our youth group activities. Whether you'd like to shop or donate items, we greatly appreciate your support. Any and all items are accepted, but please no computers, TVs or clothing. Drop off that Thursday, 4-8pm, that Friday, 10-7pm. 227 Goodhaven, Columbia IL, Rt 3 and Bottom Avenue across from Walgreens.

The list of our confirmation class included in the Parish newsletter was incomplete. Our class consists of:

Brice Ahrens	Cohen Brandt
Troy Neff	Lola Niebruegge
Devin Phillips	Grain Prather
Avery Proffer	Evan Riechmann
Caden Schweickhardt	Emily Vogt
Allison Wood	

First Communion will be held at St. Mary on Sunday, May 2. We have three young parishioners making their First Holy Communion on that day:

Brayden Eckenfels  
Leigha Henerfauth  
Elizabeth Schreder

Father Urban recently suffered a mild stroke. After a brief hospitalization, he is home and recovering. Please remember Fr. Urban in your prayers. If you'd like to send him a card or note, his address is:

Father Urban Osuji  
506 W. Main St.  
Benton, IL. 62812

**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!

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