

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, April 29th

8:00 am The People of St. John the Baptist
and Sacred Heart Parishes

Tuesday, April 30th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, May 1st

8:00 am + Doug Boyum

Thursday, May 2nd

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Friday, May 3rd, First Friday

12:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, May 4th, Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm + Bob Murphy

Sunday, May 5th, Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am + Allen Cooper

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Gloria Case, Millie Frese, Don Jackson,
Dorothy Kuntz, Marie Riegel, Mary Ann
Ryan.

Prayers for the Sick

Janet Ashby, Nancy Askins, Kay Bailey, Connie Brown,
Phyllis Fehr, Msgr. Albert Hallin, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock,
Mary Hirsch, Kathy Lockwood, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet,
Sally Waite, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Nikki
Welch, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Guy Wisegarver.

Collection Counters this week are

Mike Rakers and Pat Sartie.

Thank you for serving in this way.



Saturday, April 20th 7:30pm

and

Sunday, April 21st 8:30am

Sunday Envelopes.....\$1,802.50
Loose.....\$595.00
Total Collection.....\$2,397.50

Easter Collection \$1,282.00
Good Friday Collection \$767.00
Outreach Donations \$165.00



CCD K-7 Classes

Classes meet today, April 28th following the 8:30am Mass.

Confirmation Class - Class does not meet today. Next class will meet Sunday, May 5th following 8:30 Mass. Topic will be "How Do I Build the Kingdom?" Service Hours log sheets are due.

RCIA - Our last class will meet this Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm in the Library.

Choir Practice - Choir practice meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Church.

First Communion 2019

Please pray for the following students as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 5th: (St. John) Brianna Carrillo, Eileen Guerrero, Lesley Guerrero, Ricky Negrete, Kailee Ramirez, Hensley Rosenberg and Liam Wilson. (Sacred Heart) Natalie Batsie, Violet Mintz, Levi Slaminko, and Charlie Yeagle.



CUBS/CARDS GAME UPDATE



We have secured a bus for our trip to Wrigley Field on Saturday, May 4th. Game

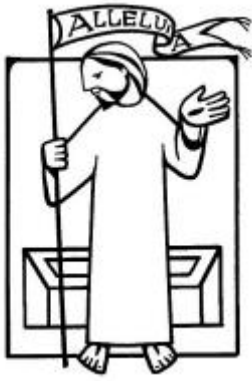
time is 3:05pm. We plan to leave from St. John's parking lot at 10:00am and will return to St. John's around 10:00pm, with one stop on the way home. Game tickets will be distributed that morning as we board the bus. We still have 9 tickets available and there are a few that have not yet paid. Tickets are \$75 each. Please get your money to the Parish Office this week. Seats are grouped together in Right Field Terrance, Section 230. **Play ball!**

Altar & Rosary End of Year Dinner

St. John's Altar & Rosary End of Year Dinner will be at the Ozark House n Bloomington on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm. The gentlemen that help out with the funeral dinners are also invited. Please let me know immediately if you wish to attend because I need to let Ozark House know how many people to expect. Thank you, Polly. (text me at 217-620-9371 or email at pollyd1958@gmail.com)

Birthright Baby Bottle Fundraiser Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Birthright Baby Bottle Fund Drive. Because of the participation from St. John's Clinton (\$344.71) and Sacred Heart Farmer City (\$540.71) along with other area churches, the amount collected surpassed last year to make this the best result ever. Because of this Birthright will be able to continue its ministry to women in central Illinois. Please continue to pray for Birthright volunteers and especially their clients, their babies and their families. If you still have a baby bottle, please return it (full or empty). Thank you!!



Easter Joy

Washing of feet. Proclaiming the Word of God. Singing praise to the Lord. Serving Good Friday. Lighting a fire. Distributing the Eucharist. Decorating the Church. Cleaning God's House. Planting flowers/pulling weeds. Doing laundry for the Church. Bringing Communion to the sick. Ushering visitors to the pews at a 'crowded' Mass. Taking up the offering. Organizing servers/

readers/ministers. Keeping elements for Lent and Easter available. Finding 'lost' liturgical items. Participating in Easter rehearsals. Polishing Brass. Donating funds to make sure even the air shouts, "Alleluia."

All of the above are the many activities which are needed to have a beautiful Easter Celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped to welcome the Easter Season. Easter is not just for a few, but for all who wish to rejoice in the glory of the Risen Lord. May the 50 days of Easter remind us of the great love shown us by the Savior who suffered so we might share in His risen life. *Alleluia!*

Many Thanks to Our Church Cleaning Crew

Thank you to the following volunteers who gave of their time to help clean the church for our Easter celebrations: Chris & Desiree Barrett, Susan Cooper, Mike Corrigan, Mary K Dulany, Jim Falbe, Barbara Gullone, Donna Hall, Dotti Hendricks, Jerry Ishmael, Linda & Jim Kilgarrieff, Mike Kroeger, Denny Madix, Paul Nothnagel, Bob Sarver, Don Schlesinger, and Steve Stokowski.



Annual Diocesan Appeal Helps St. John's Parish

Have you made a pledge yet for the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal? There is still time. A gift to the ADA, large or small, can go a long way. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for eight months. There are pledge cards/envelopes at the church entrances. And remember, every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in our parish to help us with our own parish projects. To date, we have received 68 gifts/pledges totaling \$27,197 towards our goal of \$30,461. To those who have pledged, we thank you!

Week 1 - 17,005

Week 2 - 5,660

Week 3 - 4,532

ADA 2019 Goal - \$30,461

When the risen Jesus made himself present in the midst of the disciples who were hiding in the upper room, his words and actions recalled everything he had done with and been for them, especially at their last supper together. He greeted them saying, "Peace be with you."



That greeting summarized everything. Jesus' greeting was not a wish, but an announcement, we could call it a revelation. That word of blessing fulfilled his pledge that he would never leave them orphans and would give them his own peace. In using the word peace, Jesus reiterated a promise: "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).

Jesus then showed them his hands and side. Those hands were the ones into which the Father had handed over everything, the shepherd's hands out of which no one could snatch his sheep. Jesus' hands and side bore the marks of his passion, they were the concrete signs that he had definitively overcome the world and all its death-dealing powers. The peace Jesus proffered was the peace he knew from union with the Father.

As they rejoiced, he said it again: "Peace." This second proclamation of peace announced their missioning. Continuing what he had begun at the Last Supper when he prayed that they would be one in him and the Father, Jesus gave them the mission he had received from the Father. John the Baptist had proclaimed that Jesus was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," and said that he had seen the Spirit come down and remain on Jesus (John 1:29). Now, on this first day of the new creation, just as the Creator had blown the breath of life into Adam, Jesus breathed his own Spirit over them and asked them to receive it.

Thomas wanted to see and touch Jesus. He wanted to rely on the experience that Jesus had denied Mary Magdalene when he told her that she couldn't cling to physical evidence of what is transcendent. No physical expression proves love. At best, the physical is a sign of what exists on a much deeper level. In the same way, Jesus' appearances were signs, but not the essence of his resurrection or his ongoing presence.

Jesus' last beatitude was, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Blessed are we when we believe that sin and death have been conquered. Blessed are we when forgiveness makes us one. Blessed too when the Spirit impels us into the mission that allows us to share the very life of God.



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