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Saint John *the* Baptist

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

Baptism

Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

— Jn 20:5-7

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MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, April 5th

8:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors

Tuesday, April 6th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, April 7th

8:00 am + Nan Hall

Thursday, April 8th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, April 10th, 2nd Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm + Bob Cunningham

Sunday, April 11th, 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am + Sonny Buraglio

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Jean Fehrenbach, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Mary Hirsch, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Bill Sargent, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Charles M. Yeagle.



Collection Counters this week are **Nancy Stokowski and Paul Nothnagel.** Thank you for serving in this way.



Saturday, March 27th 4:00pm and Sunday, March 28th 8:30am

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$1,981.00 |
| Loose | \$195.00 |
| Total Collection | \$2,176.00 |

Ask and You Shall Receive...

After 4 months of "proclaiming" PEACE on the front of the rectory, Fr. Jim asked for help to take the 'Christmas Message' down. Maybe just in time for Easter. Responding to the request, Tim Wolfe, Brock Wolfe, and Mike Kroeger scaled the front of the rectory immediately after Mass. They demonstrated that sometimes what seems difficult only requires a few minutes. Within 15 minutes the task was completed. All this took place under the skillful supervision of Don Schlesinger. Thanks to all.



CCD K-8 Classes

NO CCD Classes today Sunday, April 4th. Classes will resume next Sunday, April 11th following the 8:30 am Mass.

St. John's Altar & Rosary

The meeting scheduled for this Thursday, April 10th has been cancelled. However, we will be resuming our regular meetings soon so please watch the bulletin for dates.

Health Department Covid-19 Vaccinations

Covid-19 vaccinations are NOW AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE AGES 18 AND UP at our mass vaccination locations in both Dewitt and Piatt counties. Due to the fact we receive Moderna vaccine, we can only accommodate ages 18 and up. Vaccinations are given by appointment only. To schedule an appointment go to www.dewittpiatthealth.com

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our Snow Removal Collection a few weeks ago. The total amount collected was \$1,367.00. With your generous help we will not need to dip into our savings to pay for the extremely large snow removal bill we received for the month of February. Thank you!



THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

On the third day he rose again. With these words the Creed moves from the earthly life of Our Lord to the glorious state in which he now lives.

It is to be noted that Jesus' Resurrection from the dead is mentioned in all of the early creeds of the Church.

Jesus died on Friday afternoon about 3:00 P.M. and was immediately laid in the tomb before dark. According to the Jewish reckoning of time, a day is calculated from nightfall to nightfall. Since Jesus was buried Friday afternoon and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, he was in the ground during some part of three different days. Hence, the Creed correctly says that he rose "on the third day", that is, the third day after his death and burial. St. Gregory the Great thought that the Resurrection took place at midnight between Saturday and Sunday, but St. Augustine and others have been of the opinion that it took place at dawn and so it is usually represented in Christian art.

"Resurrection" means the return of a dead man to life in its most literal sense. So the Creed simply says that Jesus, who died on the Cross on Friday and whose corpse was laid in the tomb, came back to life on Sunday. This is indeed a shocking statement. It signifies something that we have never experienced but must accept solely on faith because of the testimony of the Apostles, for the Apostles were the chief witnesses of the Resurrection (cf. Acts 2:32; 3:15; 5:32).

During his apostolic ministry, Jesus raised people from the dead. There was the twelve-year old daughter of Jarius (Mk 5:21-42), the only son of the widow of Naim (Lk 7:11-17) and his own personal friend, Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha (Jn 11). But they were raised to continue their natural life on earth. As such, they had to die a second time. Not so with Jesus. Jesus rose from the dead to a new and glorious form of life that will never end.

As we have already seen, Jesus died a cruel death on the Cross on Good Friday. His human soul departed from his body. According to the words of Scripture, during this time Christ's soul was in the "underworld" or *Sheol* and set free into heaven the souls of all the just who had died since the time of Adam. After about thirty-eight hours, the pure soul of Christ returned to be re-united with his body. Jesus returned to life. But what a life! His new life is very different from ours. We must always remember that when we are speaking of the Resurrection of Jesus we are talking about a divine mystery. In the Resurrection, the glorified humanity of Jesus has taken on qualities that we know little or nothing about.

Jesus is now living at the "right hand of the Father". He appeared to the frightened Apostles suddenly. "the doors being shut" (Jn 20:19, 26).

Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection?

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that stony coffin. Is that important? You'd better believe it! Is that significant? Absolutely!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, we have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished.



Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done". But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because the servant knew that the folded napkin meant, "I'm not finished yet."

The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!"

Some thoughts on today's scripture

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Jesus is risen, never to die again. After the anguish of the last few days, it is the time of unbounded joy. I ask for the grace to enter into the joy of Jesus himself, the seed that fell to the ground and died, and is now bearing abundant fruit, full of new life.

Today's reading says of the two apostles that 'as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' I too ask for the grace to grow in my understanding of this great reality: St Paul calls the Resurrection the foundation of our faith, but I have no direct experience of it except for the Risen Jesus.

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