

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays - 4:00 PM

Sundays - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Masses interpreted for hearing

Impaired: 3rd Sunday - 10:30 AM Mass,

1st and last Saturday - 4:00 PM Mass

DAILY MASS, HOLYDAYS, AND DEVOTIONS

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Wednesdays: 5:45 - 6:45 PM

in the Reconciliation Chapel

(north vestibule colonnade).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated within our weekend worship services monthly.

A preparation session is required of parents and can be attended in advance of birth.

Please phone the Christian Formation Office at 262-375-6500, x120.

MARRIAGE

Couples anticipating marriage should contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate, at 262-375-6500, x175 at least ten months prior to the desired wedding date.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like communion, please call Sheri Hanson at 262-375-6500, x175.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

If you are requesting Anointing, please contact Fr. Nick Baumgardner at 262-375-6500, x103.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

In order to benefit fully from the many services offered by our parish, Catholics 18 years and older are required to maintain an official membership at Saint Joseph Parish. Active and supporting membership includes offering of one's time, talent, and treasure to assist in promoting the mission and work of Saint Joseph Parish. If you would like to establish your parish membership, please stop at the Parish Office during the week or after weekend Mass.

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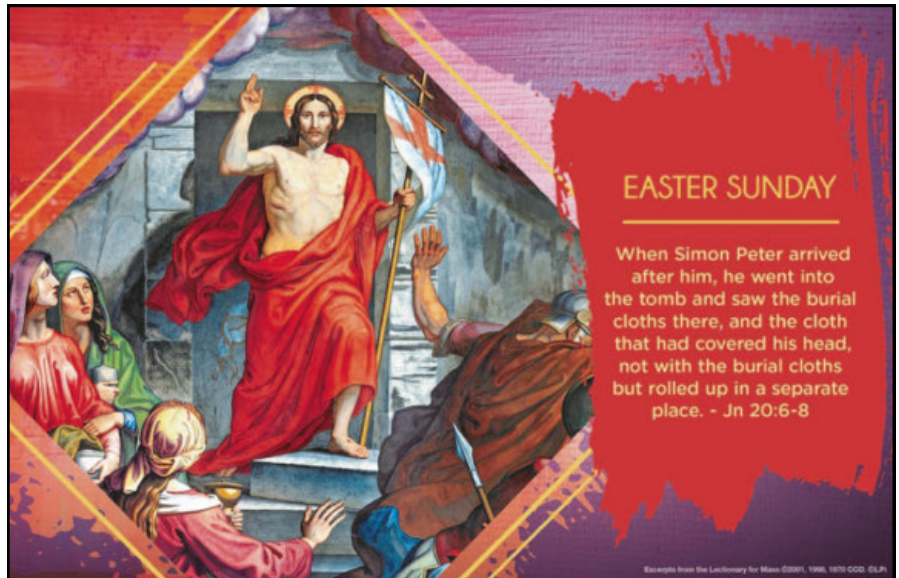


SAINT
JOSEPH
PARISH

THE HANDS OF CHRIST...

OPEN TO ALL

April 9, 2023 :: Easter Sunday



EASTER SUNDAY

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 20:6-8

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ST. JOSEPH CONGREGATION - GRAFTON, WI
April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 8 - *Easter Vigil*

1:00 PM Blessing of the Food
 8:30 PM For Our Parishioners

Sunday, April 9 - *Easter Sunday*

8:00 AM †Jerry Strauss
 10:30 AM †Elaine and Nicholas Studelska

Monday, April 10

Tuesday, April 11

8:30 AM †Jeff Cordie

Wednesday, April 12

5:00 PM †Arlene Giljohann
 5:45 PM Private Confessions

Thursday, April 13

7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

Friday, April 14

8:30 AM †James Knetzger

Saturday, April 15

4:00 PM †Lois Wehmeyer

Sunday, April 16 - *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
 10:30 AM †Dennis Bruss
 1:00 PM First Eucharist Mass
 †Richard Lipski
 4:00 PM Divine Mercy Prayer Service

Readings for Week of April 9, 2023

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 Mt 28:1-10
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

LECTOR SCHEDULE

April 15th and 16th

4:00 PM Chris Skopek, Maryanna Meikrantz,
 Heather Stern
 8:00 AM Christine Crom, Megan Mas, Sara Knetzger
 10:30 AM Mass for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 9 - *Parish Office Closed*

Monday, April 10

Tuesday, April 11

6:00 AM Men's Group
 7:00 PM SVDP Committee

Wednesday, April 12

3:30 PM Scripture Study

Thursday, April 13

6:00 PM Los Toros: Scholarship Committee

Friday, April 14 - *Parish Offices at Noon*

Saturday, April 15

8:00 AM St. Joseph Parish School Craft Fair
 After Mass St. Joseph Parish School RaiseRight Sale

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 16 St. Joseph Parish School RaiseRight Sale
 (After Masses)
 Human Concerns Committee
 Divine Mercy Prayer Service
Apr 17 Just Faith: A Justice Response
Apr 18 Men's Group
Apr 19 Scripture Study
 Los Toros Council
 Workcamp Gathering
 SVDP Council Meeting
Apr 20 Finance Council
 Parish Choir Rehearsal
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
Apr 21 *Parish Office Closes at Noon*
Apr 22 SVDP Spring Bundle Sunday Weekend
 GH Display: Human Concerns Earth Day

"Special hosts are available for those with a gluten intolerance. For those who wish to receive such hosts, you are directed to go to the priest's communion line and indicate your preference to him."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Our Weekly Gift Of Thanks

April 2nd Offertory:	\$ 18,566.54
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 75.00
Los Toros Mission	\$ 125.00
Flowers	\$ 87.00
Almsgiving	\$ 1,220.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 4,000.00
175th Anniversary Memorials	\$ 1,975.00



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

*A weekly column,
shared with parishioners,
by members of the Pastoral
Staff.*

Fr. Nick Baumgardner, Parish Administrator

He is Risen!

Arriving at Easter, after forty long days of Lent, can feel a bit like arriving at a finish line. We've run the race, we've kept our Lenten promises, and now we can enjoy the sweet taste of victory (and the sweet taste of Peeps). And we should enjoy that sweet taste. Christ is risen! And we who have died with Him through baptism have risen with Him as well. But in truth, Easter is less like a finish line than a starting line. Lent is less like the race itself and more like the training for the race, the race that begins at Easter.

Through Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have been training to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. In particular, we have been preparing to say "I do" to those first three questions we are asked: Do you renounce Satan? And all his works? And all his empty show? But the Easter season is about living out the three promises that we make after these three renunciations. The Easter season is about living out our "I do" to the three questions of faith: Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

The whole point of leaving sin behind during Lent is so that we can live the life of faith during Easter; the whole point of dying with Christ is that we can rise with Him. Sometimes we have a tendency to reduce the Christian life just to avoiding sin. And that, of course, is an important aspect of the Christian life. But it is not the only aspect. After all, if the Christian life was just about avoiding sin, what are we going to be doing in heaven? In heaven we aren't going to be avoiding sin, because sin will no longer be possible.

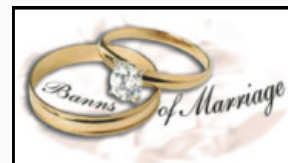
In heaven we will be living in perfect communion with God! And *that* is the goal of the Christian life—and not just in heaven, but even now on earth—to live in perfect communion with God. The primary goal of the Christian life is not the life of Lent, but the life Easter, the life of the resurrection. The life of Lent, the life of avoiding sin, is a necessary, but only preliminary, stage. It is the preparation for the race, not the race itself. It's what gets us to the starting line, not the finish line.

During this Easter season, let us profess our faith with joy. Let us respond with a resounding "I do! I do! I do!" May our lives proclaim Jesus' victory over sin and death. He is risen, and we are risen too. Amen! Alleluia!



Easter Flowers Donated in Memory Of

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**We Are Called To Be
The Hands of Christ...Open to All**

*From Human Concerns
By Sandy Michalski*



REJOICE!

As we celebrate Easter - Rejoice! Because Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. Rejoice! Because the Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith, for it proves that Jesus is God. Rejoice! Because Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Rejoice! Because Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in our world. Rejoice! Because, just as we accompanied Christ in the desert for 40 days, we rise with Him in glory on this most holy feast day. We rejoice as we spend time with our loved ones, always feeling the palpable presence of Jesus, always feeling His love and blessings, always knowing He rejoices with us.

***"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song."
Pope St. John Paul II***

Lord and Father of all, help us rise each day to Easter. Teach us to practice resurrection, to seek love and forgiveness and new life in our relationships, in our work, in our play, in our busy, distracted, lonely world. Lord and good Father to us all, remind us as the earth re-blooms, that new life is available to us every day. Our portion is abundant, if we will but empty our hands of the things that would distract us from You and open wide to receive Your resurrection blessings so that we may be Your blessing to others. Amen ©2019 Catholic Relief Services

**Happy Easter
from your Human Concerns Committee!**

**HUMAN CONCERNS:
EMPTY BASKET**



Can you help? Items needed:

- ◆ Clorox wipes, cleaning supplies, Febreze 4-Pack, Pine-Sol multipurpose, Lysol toilet bowl 4-Pack, scrubbing bubbles 4-Pack, disinfectant spray, ear plugs, non-latex gloves

**Please place your donations in the
Human Concerns "Empty Basket" in the
front entrance to church.**

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions?

Please contact Mike Kuenn at 414-807-3737.

NEED HELP?



St. Vincent de Paul members, with strict confidentiality, can assist you regardless of religious affiliation. We help provide funds for rent, utilities, mortgage, food or other needs ... plus have referrals to other agencies.

If you need help, or know someone who does, contact SVDP at 262-284-4637.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Helen Barlow
Jim Gantner
Ed Govek
Ann Groll
Renee Krutina
Shirley Martens
Evelyn F. Nowak
Clarence Schatzman

Joan Schatzman
Caroline Schilberg
Elizabeth Schmid
Mark F. Spence
David Strachota
Carol Walber
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**If you wish to add your name to the prayer list,
please complete and sign a Prayer Authorization Form
which is available on the bulletin boards
at all entrances.
A new authorization form is required every six months.**

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

For more information please contact
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Associate Director of Child & Youth Ministry.

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Divine Mercy Prayer Service 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 16

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday,
April 16, at 4:00 p.m. for a prayer
service in the Church.

The service will include Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and an opportunity for individual Reconciliation. A first class relic of St. Faustina will be on display for veneration and light refreshments will follow in the Gathering Hall.



Join us for DEVOTIONS AFTER WEEKDAY MASSES

We are now offering public devotions after our weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- ♦ Tuesdays - Mother of Perpetual Help
- ♦ Wednesdays - Litany of St. Joseph
- ♦ Fridays - The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Spring Grief Support Group

Are you grieving the loss of someone you love? St. Joseph Parish will hosting a five-week Spring Grief Support Group at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning May 10. All are welcome. Mark your calendars now and watch the bulletin for further details.

SISTER CIRCLE

7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 20
Christ the King Church
(420 W. Whitefish Road - Port Washington)

Sister Circle is an ecumenical women's group that meets monthly and offers women an opportunity to share their faith and support one another.

For our April meeting please read Chapter 9 - *Commitment Over Mood* and Chapter 10 - *Jesus Over Everything: Home* from the book, *Jesus Over Everything*. We will also begin to plan for our May meeting which will be the conclusion our 2022-2023 Sister Circle year.

Questions? Please contact Mary at either
262-377-3720 or mariwags@gmail.com.

Join Scripture Study!

Wednesday Afternoon
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room A

Each week our Scripture Study group reflects on the upcoming Sunday's readings. We invite you to join us for prayer, faith discussions and fellowship! **All are welcome!**

To register and receive a book,
please contact Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate.
shanson@stjosephgraffton.org / 262-375-6500 x175



To the Families of
David R. Niemuth
Ronald J. Smith

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Alleluia! Alleluia!

God of joy,
you raised Jesus from the dead
and unlocked the path to eternal life
for all of creation.
Awaken us to the gift of salvation
poured into the world
with Christ's victory over death.

Infuse our hearts with joy
as we pray, sing, and dance in celebration.
Bless our Easter worship
and time gathered with family and friends
this day.
Through Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Alleluia!



Today's readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Sequence Victimae paschali laudes; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35. Celebrating Easter is like watching the sunrise in the most beautiful place ever visited. All along our journey through Lent our eyes have been tuned for directional arrows in the Scriptures pointing our steps toward God, who summons us unceasingly.

At Easter we open our hearts fully as the Son rises gloriously and his rays fill us with joy. Together with the

community of faith, we renew our baptismal vows. Like a long-married couple renewing their marriage vows, we baptized Christians renew our commitment to Jesus Christ and the Church. We welcome sprinkles of blessed baptismal water as a symbol of our bond in faith. It is a joyous response to God's invitation to return to him with ready hearts. The resurrection is celebrated with our jubilant renewal of faith as the Gloria and Alleluia are sung and trumpets and bells resound. Our sanctuaries and homes are filled with fragrant flowers and our tables hold choice foods to share with those we love. The Son is alive and with us always! Alleluia!



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 10 Do Not Be Afraid

In Matthew's resurrection account, the first appearance of the risen Lord is to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary." The encounter is utterly unexpected. The women were looking for the disciples. They could not imagine seeing Jesus. The first words Jesus speaks are "Peace" and "Do not be afraid." With their fear dispelled, the women embrace their call to be the first witnesses of the risen Christ. *Today's readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; Matthew 28:8–15.*

Tuesday, April 11 Called by Name

John's resurrection account mirrors Matthew's in that the first appearance of the risen Lord is to Mary Magdalene. Consumed with grief and confusion, Mary is unable to recognize Jesus until he calls her by name. At the sound of her name, Mary is forever transformed. With certainty, she announces the good news. On the day of our baptism, and continually throughout our lives, God calls us by name and sends us as living witnesses to the world. *Today's readings: Acts 2:36–41; Psalm 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22; John 20:11–18.*

Wednesday, April 12 Be Alert

There is so much good news to unpack and celebrate about the resurrection of Jesus that the Church gives us fifty days in the Easter season to do this. Today is one of the many times when we hear about the time Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. He approaches and walks with them, first listening, then teaching, and ultimately revealing. Jesus does that with each of us, day by day, through the Easter season. Be alert for when he shows up! *Today's readings: Acts 3:1–10; Psalm 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:13–35.*

Thursday, April 13 Go Deeper

As Jesus ate and spoke with his disciples in Jerusalem, Luke tells us that "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45). He reinterpreted sacred Scripture in light of his birth, death, and resurrection, revealing a new layer of meaning about the plan of God. How might we allow our daily reading of the Scriptures through this Easter season to bring us to a deeper understanding of the paschal mystery in our time? *Today's readings: Acts 3:11–26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9; Luke 24:35–48.*

Friday, April 14 Fifty Days

Today we hear from John about Jesus' third appearance to his disciples, this time on the beach of the Sea of Tiberias. The disciples have returned to their occupation of fishing. Jesus will be sending them back to the vocation to which he called them as evangelists. Jesus did not give up on his beloved disciples; he does not give up on us. Easter is not over; it has just begun. During these fifty days of Easter, we have time to contemplate how the Lord draws us close, feeds us, and empowers us to be living witnesses of joy. *Today's readings: Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a; John 21:1–14.*

Saturday, April 15 Go Out to the Whole World

The octave (eight days) of Easter concludes with Mark's account of how Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene. She immediately went to announce the good news. But, alas, she was met with resistance and disbelief. Witnessing the truth of Jesus Christ in today's culture requires confronting skepticism and rejection. But as Jesus instructed the disciples then, he commands us now to persist and "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). *Today's readings: Acts 4:13–21; Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21; Mark 16:9–15.*



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SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEEK

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 23rd – April 29th as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Did You Know? The Safe Environment Program in the Catholic Church is not only making our parishes and schools safe places for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We hope that all clergy, employees, and volunteers' task themselves with protecting the young and vulnerable in their workplaces, neighborhoods, communities, and even their own homes. Our goal is greater than just safe environments within the four walls of our parishes and schools, but safer communities for all God's children to live, learn and grow.

Did You Know? In 2022, in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, over 180 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 3,800 adults trained in identifying signs of abuse and neglect, over 7,700 criminal background checks were conducted on clergy, employees, and volunteers, and about 40,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics. Every year in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, each parish and school are required to complete a report documenting their compliance with the Safe Environment Program's policies and procedures. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Safe Environment Office uses those reports to compile an archdiocesan report for USCCB audit firm Stonebridge Partners on our archdiocesan compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has been found compliant every year since 2004.

Did You Know? All clergy, employees and volunteers are instructed to contact local law enforcement or Child Protective Services immediately if they are made aware of a child being sexually abused. All bishops, priests, deacons lay parish/school staffs, and volunteers are required to follow the mandatory reporting laws of the State of Wisconsin. In Wisconsin, all clergy and all school employees are considered mandatory reporters and can face legal penalties for failing to report suspected or known child abuse or neglect.

SPRING CLEANING ANYONE?

St. Vincent de Paul
BUNDLE SUNDAY
April 22nd and 23rd



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a "Bundle Sunday" the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd.

"Bundle Sunday" is our time set aside to collect your generous donations of new or **GENTLY** used clothing, furniture and household items to be sold through the SVDP Thrift Store in Port Washington. Proceeds from these sales are used to fund our mission and help those in need. Our neighbors in need are thankful to receive vouchers to use at the store for needed items.

The SVDP truck will be located in the St. Joseph Parish parking lot along 17th Avenue. There will be volunteers to help unload your vehicle 30 minutes prior to each Mass and up to 30 minutes after each Mass.

We ask that you please do not drop off your donations in the church. If you cannot drop them off at the truck during the above weekend, we kindly ask that you take them directly to the SVDP Thrift Store which is located at 2673 Hwy C, Port Washington. While there, stop in and check out the new and used merchandise available at the store.

Anytime you have items that are too large/heavy to bring on "Bundle Sunday" you can always call the SVDP Thrift Store and schedule a pickup of the items at your home (262-284-4637).

You may be wondering. Are there any items that SVDP Thrift store is unable to use and cannot accept? YES!

Due to safety regulations, disposal or handling costs, or limited resale value, they are unable to accept the following items:

- Box springs/mattresses ... any part of a bed
- Computers, Entertainment Centers
- Furniture that is torn, worn, or heavily soiled
- Futons, Pianos, Sleeper Sofas
- Tires, Tube/Box TVs, Oversize Desks,
- Items that are damaged, broken, or incomplete

We sincerely thank you for your time and generosity!

**St. Joseph Parish School:
Teaching, Learning, Leading, and Serving
as the Hands of Christ**

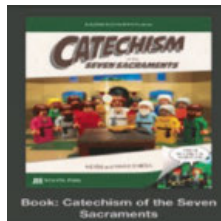
SCHOOL SCENE

**Helping Young Children Understand The Mass
By Mary Bartelt, Reading Teacher**

I watch their little faces during Mass, radiating light and hope. These precious young children, often under five, also watch me and wonder, "What is she doing?" She keeps moving...sitting down, standing up, kneeling, and then waiting in line, bowing to receive a round white "cookie" from Father Nick. The Mass...awe-inspiring, yet puzzling and mysterious to many, but especially to our youngest. Below is a compilation of ideas to help teach the significance of the Mass to our children.

***Catechism of the Seven Sacraments*
by Kevin and Mary O'Neill**

In this book, Lego characters Fulton and Cynthia go on a biblical adventure to teach salvation history in collaboration with Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's teachings on Covenant Theology. This book has beautiful photographs set in comic-book format, teaching how grace is obtained through the seven sacraments.



Fr. Leopold Celebrates Mass Lego Set

The world's smallest Priest, Fr. Leopold, is ready to preach the gospel and bring the sacraments to his people. This Lego kit features a Roman collar, Missal and Lectionary which were custom printed. This Lego set comes with a 28-page full-color instruction for building the altar, chairs, and tabernacle. It is recommended for ages six and up and is available through EWTN.



The Catholic Company has a great library of activities for Mass. My Pop-Up Mass Book (\$7.95) and My Little Church Magnet Play Set (\$19.95). Check out the popper and plush toys in the shapes of hearts and rosaries.



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

**St. Joseph Parish School
RaiseRight Sale Next Weekend!**

We would like to thank everyone who purchased RaiseRight gift cards during our March sale. Scrip has changed it's name to RaiseRight but each gift card purchased by our parish members still helps to provide a fantastic Catholic education to our many students.

Our next RaiseRight sale will be next weekend, April 15 and 16, after all Masses. Whether you're using RaiseRight gift cards to do all your shopping on Amazon, buying groceries at Pick N Save or Meijer, getting gas at Mobil or purchasing Milwaukee Brewers gear at Dicks Sporting Goods, your support means students are getting a good education at St. Joseph Parish School. **You can also stop by the school office at any time to order!**

For faster ordering in the future or to reload existing cards, sign up for a family account using the SJPS code— A2F8B5C91447— and place your order online.

For more information or additional cards outside of RaiseRight weekends, contact Sue Henke.

**schooloffice@stjosephgraffton.org
262-375-6505**

Once again, we thank you for your continued support of our children and the excellent Catholic education they receive at St. Joseph Parish School!

St. Joseph Parish School
Craft & Vendor Fair
1619 Washington St.
Grafton, WI 53024

SATURDAY,
APRIL 15TH
2023

OPEN
10AM - 3PM
FREE ENTRY

CONCESSION STAND & RAFFLE
BASKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE BASKETS CAN BE PURCHASED STARTING AT 10AM

SAINT JOSEPH
PARISH SCHOOL

30 CRAFTERS & VENDORS
For more information visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1316562509175053>

ST. JOSEPH CONGREGATION - GRAFTON, WI
April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday



EASTER 2023

*Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid.
Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."*

– Matthew 28:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The road to Calvary was filled with suffering, the cross and our Lord's death. It appeared that all was lost — but he lives! He is risen from the very tomb that enclosed him and he establishes the way. The joy of Easter is that God's love conquers. The way to the empty tomb and everlasting life is through uniting ourselves to the cross.

Let this Easter be a time of renewal for your faith. See the sign of the empty tomb and rejoice in Christ's victory over your own sin and death. Resolve to return to him with your whole heart, trusting that he will provide for your every need. Live in the joy of the Resurrection and share that joy with those who have yet to experience it.

Like the disciples, let's proclaim in our church and to others in our lives: *Alleluia! He is Risen!*

This Easter season, I ask all members of our Catholic faith community to commit to growing more deeply in relationship with Jesus Christ. Commit to participating in Mass fully every week with joy, and invite others to share this experience with you. Commit to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation often, reading the Bible daily and praying always. Remember that the promise made by Christ thousands of years ago that his disciples would see him again is just as true today as when it was first proclaimed.

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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